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July 22nd, 1890.

Chief Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the billion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office, at New York for the quarter ending March 31st 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 22, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition of June 25th for blank books and forms for six months ending Dec. 31, 1890, I do not find sample leaf of Time Books, Journal and Memorandum books asked for in your requisition. Please forward sample immediately.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 22nd, 1890.

Sup't Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your billion accounts for the quarter

ending March 31st, 1890, with my approval,
 Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 22nd, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant I would say that the regulations in regard to the receipt of deposits by mail or express were intended to prevent persons employed in the mint from having anything to do with the receipt of the money due depositors. It is no portion of the business of the employes of the mint to handle the money due depositors, nor to get their checks cashed, nor to furnish them with currency.

Every facility is afforded depositors by allowing the assayer-in-charge to receive the deposits and sign the necessary papers and send them a check in payment and if it is the practice at your mint to endorse these checks over to a mint employe it is an indirect violation of the Regulations and should be discontinued.

I desire that the rule set down in section 18, article 1, be rigidly enforced, and in no case is an employe of the mint to act as the agent of a depositor or to have anything to do with the handling of his money.

If you were as familiar with the history of the Denver mint as I am, you would know that this privilege has not always been exercised judiciously, and it is for the safety of depositors that this

regulation was prescribed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 22nd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1890, I find that the reimbursement of the loss in gold and silver sweeps sold has been made directly from your coin accounts to your bullion accounts.

The proper method of taking up this loss, and that always pursued at your Mint heretofore is to credit your gold and silver bullion accounts with the loss in ounces and value, debiting your profit and loss account with the value, less that portion payable from silver profit fund, which has been properly debited to your silver profit fund account.

Your gold and silver coin account should be debited with the amount transferred from the appropriations to pay these losses and your profit and loss account credited with the same amounts.

The purpose of these entries is to show the entire transaction in your profit and loss accounts [including, of course, your silver profit fund account].

I have not thought it necessary to return your accounts for this correction so long a distance, although I should

have done so had your mint been located nearer this City. The corrections will be made in this Bureau.

You will instruct your book-keeper to pursue the method heretofore in use at your mint and in all the other mints in dealing with wastages and the loss on sale of sweeps, in the future.

If your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th have been prepared and the wastages have not been debited in the profit and loss accounts you will see that the same is done before they are forwarded to Washington. The book-keeper should not have made this change without authority from this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint, July 22nd, 1890.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, you will approve and forward to this Bureau for payment any bills from the statistical appropriations.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 23^d, 1890.

Hon. William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis Mo.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.July 23rd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing a bill of Alfred Doten of Virginia, for services in preparing certain reports on the product of the Cornstock Lode, the bill is herewith returned with the request that you will have him date it in the last fiscal year and also receipt it.

If you think the amount is properly due Mr. Doten and that the services which he rendered are worth this amount, I will thank you to approve the bill and forward it to this Bureau for payment.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of June 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Double Eagles	\$ 40.00
14 S. S. Dollars	14.00
	\$ 54.00

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

6 Double Eagles	\$ 120.00
20 S. S. Dollars	20.00
	\$ 140.00

Telegram
 confirmed.

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 23, 1890.

State by wire at close of business to-day, amount and cost of your local silver purchases in July.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:
Supt. Mint
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Supt, Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Supt, U. S. Assay Office New York July 23, 1890.
Confirmed

Pay, Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand
Dollars in gold bars for gold coin.
E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

Supt, U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa. July 23, 1890.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7726 for \$1.04, being, on account
of unexpended balance of appropriation
for wages of workmen of your Mint fiscal
year 1890, has been received, properly in-
closed, and forwarded, to the Secretary
of the Treasury, personal credit to be
given you in your Ordinary ac-
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into the Treasury, as a repayment to
the credit of the above appropriation.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leach

July 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22nd instant enclosing bids received for six (6) barrels of Cornish Sweeps. Your acceptance of the bid of S. A. Howard, \$14.34. - is approved. The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

One million placed to your credit at New York. You can draw.

R. E. Preston
For Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 23rd, 1890.

You are authorized to contract for screened coal at sixteen dollars per long ton.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

July 23, 1890.

Sir:

The Annual Statements enclosed in your letter of the 15th instant have been received.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

July 23, 1890.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended June 30 1890 has been received.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,

St. Louis, Mo.

July 23^d, 1890.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$50,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis Mo.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 23rd, 1890.

Hon. H. C. Warmouth,
The "Arlington,"
Washington, D.C.

My dear Governor:

Acknowledging the receipt of the application of Judge Earhart of New Orleans for appointment as Melter and Refiner of the Mint in that city and the recommendations in his behalf by prominent citizens of Louisiana handed me by you with a favorable recommendation, I would say that the papers have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The practice in the Mint Service has been to appoint no one to the position of Melter and Refiner in a Coinage Mint who was not a metallurgist. Understanding that Judge Earhart has not this necessary qualification I shall feel constrained to make no recommendation in the case.

Respectfully, yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Dr. Adolf Soretter,
Göttingen,
Germany,

July 23rd, 1890.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 11th instant, with the enclosure, is at hand.

I send you herewith a copy of the new silver bill which has become a law in this country.

Respectfully, yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 23, 1890.

Sir:

In examining the vouchers of your Ordinary Expense account for the month of June, errors have been found in the enclosed which I will thank you to cause to be corrected as I do not wish any ~~dis~~allowances to be made in your closing account of the fiscal year. It would seem that a little more care in the verification of bills before payment should be insisted upon by you.

Also please find enclosed the account current and abstract of disbursements pertaining to the account, which will be necessary in making the corrections indicated in pencil upon the bills.

Please return all the papers at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director.

July 24, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho for the month ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 24, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June, 1890, together with abstract of disbursements and vouchers, and C/O #843 for \$77.40 on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for incidental expenses including labor.

The bill of the Statesman Printing Co. for advertising will be paid here, when received, if properly rendered and approved. The unpaid bills for telegraphing will not be taken into account in the rendering of your reports and returns.

Your statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter and Fiscal year need not be withheld for advice as to the payment of bills by the Department as you are supposed to have been notified of these at the time of payment. Your final reports and statements for the fiscal year including the Annual Tabulated statement of expenditures made up from data at hand, should be forwarded without delay.

Respectfully, yours
E. W. Leech
Director.

July 24, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Please forward your statements of Domestic Production #61, Deposits and Purchases #60

+ Bars Manufactured #61½ for month and fiscal year ending June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

July 24, 1890.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise Idaho.

July 24, 1890.

Sir:

C.O. No. 843 for \$7740, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Incidental and Contingent Expenses, including labor, of your office for the fiscal year 1890, enclosed in your communication of the 18th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

July 24th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 315 for \$224.⁰¹ being on account of
 Gain on Bullion ship'd Phila. Mint, Fiscal year en-
 closed in your communication of the 21st inst.,
 has been received, properly endorsed, and
 forwarded to, the Secretary of the Treasury, personal
 credit to be given you on your bullion accounts, and
 the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a
 miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
 E. A. Sech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 316 for \$523.⁷² + + + Gain in
 Collection charges, on Bullion ship'd Phila. Mint for Fiscal year,
 + + +

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

C. D. No. 8331 for \$1586.⁹⁵ + + + Gain in Collection
 charges on Bullion ship'd Phila. Mint for Fiscal year,
 + + 19th inst. + + +

C. D. No. 8332 for \$1288.⁰⁰ +
 Gain on Bullion, shipped Phila. Mint for the Fiscal year
 + + + 19th inst. + + +
 + + + + +

Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

July 24, 1890.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your billions
Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter
ending June 30th, 1890.

Very respectfully,

J. E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

July 23, 1890

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter
ended June 30, 1890 is received.

Very respectfully,

J. E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 24th, 1890.

Sir:

The Treasurer of the United States informs me
that he has transferred to you for coinage
into dimes \$243,960 of incurrent silver
coin from the sub Treasury at Philadelphia.
The appropriation for the loss on the recoinage of
silver coin for the current fiscal year has
not yet become a law but the item is con-
tained in the sundry civil bill which is
now in conference. The appropriation
for the recoinage of these coins is only \$20,000,
so I will thank you to see that the loss on

this amount transferred is as small as possible.
 You will please instruct your weigh clerk to
 make no deductions and to give full weight.
 You will please proceed to coin this silver into
 dimes without delay. The Treasurer would
 like to have \$100,000 in dimes this week if
 possible. You may suspend the coinage of
 minor coins for this purpose if necessary.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1890.

Telegram
 Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Suspend local purchases of silver, except
 partings until August first.

Similar telegram sent to:

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

July 24, 1890.

J. W. Porter, Esq.,
Charlottesville,
Virginia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant
 you are informed that when the London
 price of silver is 50 pence, at par of exchange
 the value of a fine ounce is \$1.096055. At this
 rate the bullion contained in a silver dollar
 would be worth \$0.84773. At 55 pence, the
 value of an ounce of pure silver would be
 \$1.205666. The value of a silver dollar \$0.93237.
 Taking the quotation for sight exchange
 of yesterday \$4.89, at 50 pence, an ounce

of pure silver would be worth \$1.10135, the
 value of the silver dollar \$0.85183, and at
 55 pence an ounce would be worth \$1.21148;
 the value of the silver dollar \$0.93701.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

July 24, 1890.

Telegram
 confirmed

Handy & Harman

#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Hesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29, Wall St., New York.

M. Gernsheim & Co.
#10, Wall Street, New York.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
#20, Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offers declined.

July 25th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your reference of the 24th instant of a resolution of the House of Representatives requesting to be informed why the trade dollars redeemed and held in the Treasury as an asset have not been coined, I have the honor to report as follows:

The total number of trade dollars redeemed under the act of March 3, 1887, was 7,689,036. Of this number 603,000 were redeemed by the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco and transferred to the mint in that city, and have all been converted into subsidiary silver coin.

There were redeemed at the sub-treasuries east of the Rocky Mountains 7,086,036 of which 3,495,583 were redeemed at the Sub-Treasury at New York and transferred to the United States assay office in that city and melted into large bars, where they are still on storage.

The balance, 3,590,503, redeemed at the other sub-treasuries were transferred to the mint at Philadelphia and a part of them have been used in the coinage of dimes.

The act of March 3, 1887, authorizing the redemption of the trade dollars provided that they should be "recoined into standard silver dollars or subsidiary coin, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury; provided, that the trade dollars recoined under this act shall not be counted as

part of the silver bullion required to be purchased and coined into standard silver dollars, as required by the act of February 28, 1878."

Owing to the fact that the coinage of the bullion ^{purchased} under the act of 1878 was mandatory and has together with the heavy and continuous demand for minor coins for the last four years taxed to the utmost the capacity of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia it has not been practicable to recoin the entire amount of trade dollars redeemed at Eastern Treasury Offices.

In addition to the minor coins required to be manufactured by the Mint at Philadelphia, in order to relieve the Sub-Treasuries and, at the same time, supply a demand for fractional silver coins, large amounts of worn and incurrent silver coins have been transferred to that Mint and have been converted into dimes.

It is the intention of the Department to coin the trade dollar bullion on hand into silver coins of the United States as fast as the mandatory business of the Mint at Philadelphia will permit and the demands of the Department require.

The resolution is herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,
E. J. Sech
Director of the Mint

July 25, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Thirty-one Thousand One Hundred and Nineteen $\frac{77}{100}$ Dollars (\$31,119. $\frac{77}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and sixty $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars (\$260. $\frac{68}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-one Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars (\$31,380. $\frac{45}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 1 dated July 19, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+	+	+	+	+
+	at Boise City	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+
+	Forty-one Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-five $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars (\$41,355. $\frac{87}{100}$)	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	Three
+	Hundred and Seventy-six $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars (\$376. $\frac{45}{100}$) in	+	+	+
+	Silver Coin,	+	+	Forty-one Thousand
+	Seven Hundred and Thirty-two $\frac{32}{100}$ Dollars (\$4,732. $\frac{32}{100}$)	+	+	+
+	+	+	Boise City	+
+	+	+	No. 2	+
+	+	+	July 21, 1890	+
+	+	+	+	+

July 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your statement of Domestic Production #61 for fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, is returned herewith for correction as it does not agree with the amounts of silver reported monthly as the production of California and Nevada.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 25th, 1890.Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 21st advising you of the purchase from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company of seventy thousand ounces of silver bullion for delivery at your mint, you are informed that the price to be paid for the same is \$1.1025 per ounce fine and not \$1.1045 as stated on my letter of 21st inst.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 25, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your attention is called to letter of this Bureau of the 12th instant in relation to overtime allowed to your Assistant Book-Keeper and Office Clerk, as well as to other employes in the several departments of your Mint during the month of June. I will thank you to explain why you have permitted so long a period to pass without replying to a communication of so much importance.

A reply at the earliest moment is expected.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director.

July 25, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C. O. No. 24 for \$70.29, being on account of unexpended balances of appropriations for wages of workmen, and contingent expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1890 enclosed in your communication of the 22nd instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriations, as follows:
Wages of Workmen \$58.69. Contingent Expenses \$11.60

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leech
Director.

Telegram Supt, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

July 25, 1890.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and nine cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho. July 25, 1890.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2 dated July 21, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2 dated July 15, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$41,821.01; Charges \$98.69, and net value \$41,732.32. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

+	+	+	+
+ Dep. Mem. No. 1	+ July 19, 1890	+	+
+	+ No. 10,	+ dated July 12, 1890	
+	+ \$31,457. ²⁹	+ \$76. ⁸⁴ / ₁₀₀	+ \$31,380. ⁴⁵ / ₁₀₀
+	+	+	+

July 25, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sup't, Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Pay two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in
gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 25th, 1890.

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your medal fund account for the
quarter ended June 30, 1890, your attention is
directed to the fact that you have taken credit
for \$165.25, "Cash paid Coiner for eighty-one silver
medals".

It seems that on the 5th of this month, after
the close of the last fiscal year, you for-
warded to this Bureau 43 gold, 81 silver,
and 72 bronze, Army marksmanship medals,
mounted, and 190 cases, the whole amounting to
\$3,057.30, which bill was referred to the War
Department and is now in process of payment.
I fail to understand why it was necessary to
take credit in your accounts as having
used profits to pay the Coiner for the silver
medals, while no payment appears for the
43 gold or the 72 bronze medals forwarded at
the same time. I am curious to know how the
43 gold medals which the Coiner had made
were taken up in annual settlement, that is
how the gold contained in these medals was
accounted for to you in the settlement of the
Coiner's accounts, whether it appeared as a

wastage or whether any credit was given to him for the gold in these medals; and also why the same course was not pursued with regard to the 81 Silver medals.

According to your medal fund account as rendered, instead of there being a net profit on the manufacture of medals (and the sale of proof coins) your accounts show a net loss of \$1,01.80, viz: receipts \$1,191; expenditures \$1,292.80, net loss \$101.80. This is owing to the fact that you take up in your June account the bills for the mounting of the medals, which will not be re-imbursed you by the War Department until the current quarter.

It seems to me that all reference to these medals should have been omitted in your June 30th accounts, and as they were not forwarded until the 5th of July, the whole transaction should have been taken up in your accounts for the current quarter.

This would have prevented a net loss from appearing.

I also find that you have reduced your Cash by \$845.95 Carried as "profits". I beg to inquire whether this is in accordance with the instructions issued when the new form of medal fund accounts was instituted.

Hereafter, before any photographs of medals are ordered, or any unusual expense incurred, you will obtain authority from this Bureau, as the accounting officers will not approve such items in your accounts unless specifically ordered by the Director.

Although the 81 Silver medals are included on your account current, I do

not find either the gold, silver or bronze medals included in the report of medals and proof coins manufactured [Form E.], or in the Coiners' report of medals delivered to the Superintendent, which accompanies your medal fund accounts.

I beg to inquire whether receipts were not forwarded for voucher No. 2, of April 26th, for 37 gold army marksmanship medals, and also for 94 bronze medals of the same date. If these vouchers were not returned to you by the Department properly signed, I will thank you to forward a new set under the same date that they may be filed.

Your accounts will be held awaiting an explanation of these items.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to a discrepancy between your returns to the Treasurer of the United States and to this Bureau of the balance of trade dollar bullion on hand at your mint. On the 30th of June you reported the cost of this bullion on hand to the Treasurer as \$2,579,004.70, while to this Bureau you gave it as \$2,643,854.19 (which is correct) a difference of \$64,849.49. The returns of the balance of trade dollar bullion to this Bureau and to the Treasurer of the United States should agree, for there

has been no change in the same for several months and even in case there had been a change from the same, there is no reason why you could not, at the end of each month, state the correct amount on hand to the Treasurer. I will thank you to make an explanation covering the difference in the returns.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

The amount of Trade Dollar Bullion is taken up as an asset of the Government on the Treasurer's statement of Assets & Liabilities and published monthly, - its cost value - and shows a discrepancy as above.

E. O. L.

July 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to the Mint at New Orleans the following dis.: Ten (10) pairs, Standard Silver dollar, Two (2) pairs, eagle -

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.09 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 25th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant requesting to know the balance to the credit of your mint on account of parting and refining bullion at the close of the fiscal year 1890, you are respectfully informed that the information cannot be furnished without considerable labor as this appropriation is not kept by institutions but is credited with all of the certificates of deposit covering into the Treasury, parting and refining earnings and is debited with advances and bills paid from the appropriation.

To go to work and segregate all the certificates and expenses of your mint would be a work of some difficulty and labor and could be of no possible service to you.

There is a large balance to the credit of this appropriation, approximating \$700,000, in the Treasury, sufficient for the payment of all necessary expenses, but regardless of the unexpended balance the

annual receipts at each institution for parting
and refining, should equal the current expenses.
I do not see what possible benefit such a
statement could be to you.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 25th, 1890.
To the American Exchange, National Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:

You are informed, that no further
purchases of silver will be made by the
department until Monday, the fourth
proximo.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Boston + Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
#20 Wall Street,
New York.

To the Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Messrs. M. Gernsheim
#10 Wall Street
New York.

over

(see preceding page, for letter)

Messrs. Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Messrs. Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Messrs. Gimmernann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

July 26, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C., for the month ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Reisch
 Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

July 26, 1890.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary account for the month ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

July 26, 1890.

Sir:

C. D. No. 269 for \$-25⁰⁰, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for incidental and contingent expenses including labor, U. S. Assay Office Charlotte N. C. fiscal year 1890, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director.

July 26, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers,
for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 26, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the contracts for supplies
approved, with the exception of the triplicate of
Contract with F. G. Conklin for gloves which does
not state the price and which I return in order
that the prices to be paid may be inserted.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official bond of Charles Alvah Buckbee,
as assistant melter and refiner of your mint,
has been approved by the Secretary of the
Treasury and referred to the office of the First
Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram Sup't, U. S. Mint,

July 26, 1890.

Confirmed

San Francisco, Cal.

Sale of Sweeps approved.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Hon. Frank Higcock,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

July 26th, 1890.

Dear Senator:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing an application from A. W. Gifford for a position in the New York Assay Office, I would say that as the applicant has only one hand I do not know of any position in the Assay Office that he could fill.

The only vacancy that has occurred during my administration was in the force of night-watchmen which has just been filled by the appointment of a one-armed soldier from New York, J. R. Harlow, on the recommendation of General Patcheller. However I will forward your letter to the Superintendent of the Assay Office for his consideration.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary, of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will direct the Collector of Customs at the port of New York to admit free of duty, one "Larousse Dictionnaire, 2nd Supplement" imported by Messrs. B. Westermann & Co., per steamer "Servia" from Liverpool, and entered at the Custom House July 8, 1890, the same being for the use of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1890.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your corrected statements of Domestic Productions #61, Deposits and Purchases #60 & Bars Manufactured #61½ for February, and May 1890, received on the 12th instant, I would state that proper care is not exercised in preparing these reports.

Within the past fiscal year three corrected sets of these reports have been received from your Mint necessitating many changes on the records of the Bureau.

You will please instruct your clerks to use more care in preparing these statements in future.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers,
for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

July 28th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

C. D. No. 826 for \$236.⁵², being on account
of Melting Assaying & stamping Charges in-
closed in your communication of the 22nd
inst. has been received properly, indorsed,
and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury,
personal credit to be given you in your bullion
accounts, and the amount to be covered into
the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director.

Four (4) Similar letters except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 827 for \$298⁸⁴ + + value of Sweeps, Qr. ending
June 30th/90 + + + + +

C. D. No. 850 for \$250.⁶¹ + + Gain on Bullion Shipped Phila. Mint for
the fiscal year end g June 30. + + +

C. D. No. 851 for \$263.⁶⁰ + + Gain in Collection Charges on Bullion
shipped Phila. Mint for fiscal year + + + + +

over

C.D. No. 828, for \$72⁰⁰ + + + Special Bullion
 Assays for Qr. ending June 30 + + +
 + no personal credit to be given you in your bullion
 accounts + + + + +

July 28th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant relative to the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, I would say that while I desire you to confine your expenditures strictly to indispensable expenses you will be provided with sufficient sums to meet all necessary expenses. You need give yourself no uneasiness on this point.

Respectfully, yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 28th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant relative to disallowances in your ordinary accounts on account of overpayments to the Western Union Telegraph Company, I would say that however inequitable it may seem to you that you should be charged with payments to that Company in excess of the rates authorized by the Government when you were ignorant of the change in the rates, the First Comptroller of the Treasury, who is the final arbiter in such matters, has decided that such overpayments cannot

be allowed not only in your accounts but in the accounts of all disbursing officers, and you stand charged on the books of the Department with these disallowances.

The proper thing for you to do is to charge yourself with the amount, and if you cannot secure redress at the hands of the telegraph company, await redress at the hands of Congress. It is your duty as a public officer to charge yourself with the disallowances finally passed on by the accounting officers, whether you think they are right or wrong. The law makes the Comptroller the final judge in such cases, and not the disbursing officer.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Garson, Nev.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 21st instant you are authorized to send the test weights of your Mint to this Bureau that they may be verified.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

July 28th, 1890.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have approved the appointment of Edward W. Murphy as an assistant to the Master at a compensation of \$4.00 a day.

Your attention is directed to article 23 of the Regulations which provides that "appointments and changes of all kinds in the personnel, duties and compensations shall not be made to take effect, nor oaths of office be subscribed, until notice has been received of the approval of the appointments or changes" and also to section 3 of the same article which provides "resignations shall likewise be immediately reported."

The regulation in regard to appointments is violated at your institution in every instance that an appointment is made. They are either submitted by telegraph or immediately put on duty and the oath forwarded with the appointment. They are never submitted in proper form. The fact that the Director has personally recommended a person for appointment is no reason why the usual form of making appointments should not be observed and the person not assigned to duty until the Director's approval has been received.

The Bureau has not been officially informed of the resignation of the late incumbent of the position to which Mr. Murphy was appointed.

I beg that you will hereafter conform your action in this regard to the requirements of the Regulations, and submit the ap-

Edward
Murphy

-pointment in proper form for the action of the Director, stating the compensation that the appointee is to receive, and if appointed in the melting department forwarding the nomination of the Miller, and that no one be assigned to work in the Assay Office until the approval of the Director has reached you.

In order that the records of this Bureau may show the fact I will thank you to inform me of the date of the resignation of the former incumbent of the position to which Mr. Murphy has been appointed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 28, 1890.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$350.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

July 28, 1890.

Pay Four Hundred Thousand Dollars in gold bars for gold coin.
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of Domestic Production #61 for fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, I find that the amounts of refined gold credited to the various California refineries do not agree with the amounts reported monthly, although the aggregate is correct.

If you will please cause the information to be inserted in the enclosed blank and returned to this Office it will answer our purpose.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

July 28, 1890.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant, I would state that the blank forms sent you are always carried in stock. form #261F. was printed for and used only by your office and as no forms of that description are on hand a supply was ordered to be printed, which you will receive within the next six weeks.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 28th 1890.

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I was surprised on receiving the Saturday issue of the "Financial and Mining Record" to read your criticism on certain remarks attributed to me on the silver bill.

Your publication was the first intimation I had that any such interview had taken place. I did not use the language attributed to me by the correspondent of the "Sun" or any other newspaper, nor was I interviewed on that subject with my knowledge and consent. The only interview which I authorized was that published in the New York "Evening Post" of Friday last, where you will find my views very plainly expressed.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1890.

J. J. Shirley, Esq.,

Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant you are informed that the physician's certificate should be filled in from the time you left Washington up to the date the certificate is given. It will be necessary for you to fill in and forward a certificate each month during your absence. Please fill in the certificate and return the same to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully, yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 28th, 1890.

Telegram M. A. Meyendorff
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana.

If Murphy is intemperate dismiss him immediately. Take no chances on his reformation.

E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1890.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the quarter ending Mch. 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

July 29, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Borise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 29th, 1890

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Borise City, Idaho.

Sir:

You will in future place your assay receipts inside of the certificate of the same number, with the printed side of the receipt to the front, and the end that has the words "Assay Receipt" to the top, instead of sending them in separate packages, as heretofore.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 29th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing one from the Melted and Refiner of your Mint requesting additional help in this department, which you have approved,

I feel constrained, in view of your recommendation, to approve the increase asked for, although, owing to the reduced appropriations for wages at your Mint for the current fiscal year and the necessity of using a deficiency appropriation to pay your force of workmen, I feel disinclined to approve the increase of your present force.

In case it is necessary, to employ additional help in the melting and refining Department I would suggest that, if it can be done with propriety they be paid from the appropriations for refinery expenses.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your billions Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 29, 1890.

Telegram Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Pay two Million and Fifty Thousand Dollars in gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 29th, 1890.
 Supt. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Ascertain and report the destination of the gold shipments and if possible the causes for this large movement. Do you think that imposing the bar charge would stop the movement?

E. A. Leach
 Director.

July 29th, 1890.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by this morning's mail of your letter of the 28th instant and of the thirty copies of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals, 1889.

Respectfully yours,
 E. A. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1890.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith your Medal Fund Account for the Quarter ended June 30, together with the abstract vouchers and statement sent with your letter of the 23rd instant. I prefer this statement to the one with the account so return the whole that you may supply the new

papers necessary, and eliminate such as do not agree with the statement, as changed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your billion accounts for the quarter ending Mch. 31st, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your request for fifty (50) biographical cards was received today and they will be sent by current mail. In this connection I desire to call your attention to my letter of the 18th of April, last, advising that a supply of these cards was mailed to you and that they were to be filled out and returned to this Bureau for the use of the Secretary of the Treasury for file in the Appointment division of the Department. No response has been received from you to this letter.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 29th, 1890.

R. L. Tullis, Esq.,
 37 Carondelet Street,
 New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 26th instant relative to a note drawn by one Joseph Fuller, an employe of the Mint at New Orleans, I would say that I have referred your letter to the Superintendent of the Mint in that city with instructions to investigate the case and if he finds that this debt is justly due to inform Fuller that he must make arrangements to pay it.

Respectfully yours,
 E. J. Leech
 Director of the Mint

July 30, 1890.
 Hon. William Windom,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of twenty-four thousand two hundred and seventy $\frac{28}{100}$ Dollars (\$24,270. $\frac{28}{100}$) in Gold Coin and two hundred and fifty nine $\frac{76}{100}$ Dollars (\$259. $\frac{76}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of twenty-four thousand five hundred and thirty $\frac{04}{100}$ Dollars (\$24,030. $\frac{04}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 2 dated July 24, 1890, of

Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 30, 1890.

Telegram
confirmed.

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Award to Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company, disapproved. Copper will be purchased by this Bureau as required from time to time.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

July 30, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2, dated July 24, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2 dated July 19, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$24,590⁴⁶/₁₀₀. Charges \$60⁴²/₁₀₀ and net value \$24,530⁰⁴/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Supt., Assay Office,
New York.

July 30, 1890.

Pay Three Hundred Thousand Dollars in
gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as here noted, to same address.

+	+	+	+	+
+	Five Hundred Thousand	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+

Supt., U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 30th 1890.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 26th instant relative to overtime, you are hereby instructed that hereafter overtime is not to be allowed persons performing clerical work, and that no overtime is to be allowed in the mint, with the present allotment of coinage, except where specifically authorized by law.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 30th, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Important that reply to my dispatch of
 yesterday should reach me before one o'clock
 today.

E. O. Leech
 Director.

July 30th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th instant
 relative to the regulations for the purchase
 coinage and storage of silver under the act
 of July 14, 1890, you are respectfully informed
 that new regulations have been approved
 by the Secretary of the Treasury and are
 now in the hands of the printer.

Specific instructions on the subject will
 be given you in a few days, and a copy
 of the regulations will be mailed you.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

July 30th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt today of
 three bronze copies of the Joseph Francis Medal.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

July 30th, 1890.

Demand for dimes urgent. Will Treasurer's transfer orders for one hundred thousand dollars in dimes this week if possible. Coin one hundred thousand dollars more next week if possible. Answer.

E. O. Leech
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 30, 1890.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 29th instant, stating that there are no profits on hand arising from the coinage of subsidiary silver and requesting to be instructed as to payment of freight on such coin, you are informed that you are to pay it from any silver profits on hand without regard to the coinage from which they accrued.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 30th, 1890.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending June 30th.

1890.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 30, 1890.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find list of bills paid at the Department, from your appropriations for 1890 and from the appropriation for the Coinage of the standard Silver Dollar during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890. Please cause your accounts with these appropriations to correspond with same.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

Bills of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco paid at the Department, during the fiscal year 1890.

From Wages of Workmen.

1889		
Sept. 5.	Bill of U. S. Mint Philadelphia for mfg of Dies	\$ 48.60
Dec. 10.	" " " " " " " " " "	227.80
" 27.	" " " " " " " " " "	227.80

From Contingent Expenses.

1889		
Sept. 5.	Bill U. S. Mint Philada. for mfg Dies	\$ 2.55
Dec. 10.	" " " " " " " " " "	14.40
" 27.	" " " " " " " " " "	14.40
1890		
Feb'y 11.	" " " " " " " " " "	11.00
May 27.	Department bill for stationery	124.31

From Standard Dollar.

1889
Dec. 10. Recd of U. S. Mint Philada. for Mfg. Dies \$102.30
" 27 " " " " " " " 102.30
1890
July 19 " " " " " " " 204.60
March 5 " " " " " " " 204.60

July 30th, 1890.
Hon. Frank H. H. H.
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

I have to day approved the appointment of Frederick A. Ferris as a helper in the New York assay Office, to take effect August 1st. Please instruct him to report for duty.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 30th, 1890.
H. Russell Drowne, Esq., Secretary
American Numismatic and Archaeological Society,
101 East 20th Street, New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I send you by express to day, a bronze copy of the "Joseph Francis" medal, which I desire to present to the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, with my compliments.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

July 30, 1890.

To the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company,
Keyser Refining Co.,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me the lowest price at which you will deliver 20 tons of the best Ingot Copper to the Quartermaster, U. S. Army, at Baltimore for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson. I will also thank you to inform me the price per pound at which you will deliver the above named quantity of copper to the Carson Mint, free of charge.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1890.

Messrs. B. Westermann & Co.
#812 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I am advised by the Secretary of the Treasury that he has instructed the Collector of Customs at the port of New York to admit free of duty one "Larousse Dictionnaire, 2nd supplément", imported by you for this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Telegram Hon. William Windom,

July 31st, 1890.

Fifth Avenue Hotel,
New York, N. Y.

Three Million two hundred thousand dollars
in gold bars shipped to-day.
Sterling exchange four eighty-nine to
four eighty-nine and a quarter.
Silver in London one dollar eleven.
Certificates closed in New York at one
dollar thirteen.

E. O. Leech
Director.

First Auditor

July 31, 1890.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination
and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery,
& Coinage of Stand. Sil. Dollars accounts
of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint
at San Francisco for the month ending
June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose
of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully)

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1890.

Telegram Assayer, Assay Office,
Confirmed Boston City, Idaho.

On and after the first proximo you will pay
for silver contained in gold deposits at the
rate of one dollar per ounce standard.

E. O. Leach

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Holena, Mon.

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Telegram

Supt., Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 31, 1890.

Confirmed.

Advance purchasing, rate of silver is
one dollar, ten and one half cents per
ounce fine, to take effect tomorrow.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt., Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt., Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt., U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 31, 1890.

Sir:

What was the amount of your shipment to
Merchants Nat'l Bank Tuscaloosa, Ala. Oct.
24th 1889? See ninth Express receipt of
that day.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt., Assay Office,
New York.

July 31, 1890.

Pay Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand
Dollars in gold bars for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

July 31, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Assay, Phila.
New York.

Sir:

On and after the 1st proximo you will pay
 for silver contained in gold deposits at the
 rate of \$1.00 per ounce standard.

Respectfully, yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to:

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 31, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th instant enclosing
 proposals received by you for copper is received.
 At the time you asked for authority, to invite
 proposals for supplies it was not supposed
 that it was your intention to ask for a year's
 supply as in my letter of June 28, approving
 awards for supplies for your Mint for the current
 fiscal year, the award for copper was disapproved
 for the reason that it was believed that copper
 could be procured in open market from time to
 time at a lower rate.

You are authorized to accept from the Baltimore
 Copper Smelting and Rolling Company, under their
 bid, 20,000 lbs. at 15½¢ per lb. The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully, yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

July 31, 1890.

Sir:

Philadelphia, Pa.

As per your request of the 30th inst. herewith enclosed statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the quarter ending Dec. 31st 1889.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

July 31, 1890.

Sir:

Philadelphia, Pa.

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be one dollar, ten and one half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully, yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

July 31, 1890.

Sir:

San Francisco, Cal.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary, Refinery & Stand. Sil. Dollar's accounts for the month ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

July 31st, 1890.Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:
C.D. No. 1741 for \$76.²², being on account of value of grains Deposit Melting Room, inclosed in your communication of the 29th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully, yours
E. Q. Leach
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address.

C.D. No. 1742 for \$113.⁴⁴ + + Charges for
melting Assaying & stamping, + + +
+ + + + + + +

C.D. No. 1749 for \$47.⁸¹ + + surplus
bullion + + + + +
+ + + + +

C.D. No. 1743, + \$16.⁰⁰ + + special
Bullion Assays + + + + +
+ no personal credit + + + + +
+ + + + +

Herbert C. Torrey,

U. S. Assay Office,

New York, N. Y.

July 31st, 1890.

I will authorize closing of assay office at
one o'clock on Saturdays during hot season
if recommended by Superintendent.

E. O. Leech
Director.

Byron Reed Esq.,

212 South 14th Street

Omaha, Nebraska.

July 31st, 1890.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th in-
-stant, you are respectfully informed that
the bid to change the designs of our coins
has not yet become a law and that no steps
have been taken by the Department to
secure new designs as yet.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Jacob L. Child,

Minister Resident and Consul General,

Bangkok, Siam.

July 31st, 1890.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 11th ultimo for-
-warding the reply of the Comptroller of the
Royal Siamese Treasury to the interroga-
-tory of the Department of State relative
to the production, coinage and move-

ment of the precious metals in Siam during the calendar year 1889 has been received, and I beg to express my thanks for the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 31st, 1890.

James L. Grieb Sec'y,
Merchant Tailors' Exchange,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1890.

Telegram

Baton of Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Will consider tomorrow, an offer of fine silver for delivery at New Orleans.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
#20, Nassau Street
New York.

over

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Omaha and Grand Smelting and Refining Company,
Omaha, Neb.

REGULATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SILVER BULLION.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU OF THE MINT, August 1, 1890.

Purchases of silver bullion under the Act of February 28, 1878, will cease at the close of business on the 12th instant.

The Superintendents of the coinage Mints will proceed, as fast as the current business of each Mint will permit, to coin the silver bullion on hand at that date, purchased under the aforesaid act, into standard silver dollars, and the account of silver purchases and coinage under the Act of February 28, 1878, will be closed.

On and after the 13th instant, offers for the sale of silver bullion, under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, in lots of not less than ten thousand (10,000) ounces, and its delivery at one of the coinage Mints of the United States, located respectively at Philadelphia, San Francisco, Carson City, and New Orleans, will be received by telegraph or letter and considered at the Treasury Department on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of each week at twelve o'clock M.

All bids should be addressed to the Director of the Mint, and should state the quantity in fine ounces, the price per fine ounce, and the Mint at which the silver is to be delivered.

Bidders will be notified by telegraph of the acceptance or rejection of their offers.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved, and also to accept any portion of the amount offered instead of the whole.

No silver coin, except mutilated and uncurrent coin of the United States, will be received on account of purchases.

The delivery on purchases must be completed within ten (10) days after the acceptance of the offer, unless otherwise specified.

Payment will be made by check drawn by the Superintendent of the Mint on an Assistant Treasurer of the United States to the order of the seller, payable in Treasury notes.

When the bars delivered bear the stamp of well-known refineries, such approximation of the value of the bullion delivered as, in the discretion of the Superintendent may be regarded safe and proper, will be paid, pending melt and assay.

When the bullion delivered on purchases requires parting or refining, the usual mint charges for these operations will be imposed.

Bars improperly manufactured, or lacking solidity, will be subject to a melting charge.

No bars weighing over twelve hundred (1,200) ounces will be received.

The record of the purchases of silver bullion will be kept in the office of the Director of the Mint, and all correspondence in regard to the same should be addressed to him.

The Superintendents of the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, Carson City, and New Orleans are authorized to purchase, under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand (10,000) ounces, at a price to be fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint.

Silver contained in gold deposited at any of the institutions of the mint service will be purchased at a rate to be fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint and treated as a purchase of silver bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890.

Silver received in payment of charges on silver bullion deposited for bars, and in bar fractions, will be purchased at a rate to be fixed by the Director of the Mint and will be treated as a purchase of silver bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890.

EDWARD O. LEECH,

Director of the Mint.

APPROVED:

WILLIAM WINDOM,

Secretary.

August 1, 1890.

First Auditor,
8. Treasury Department,

Sir:

Sir:
I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
L. E. H.

Yours truly
E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address.

Ordinary, Refinery & Stand. Silver Dollar accounts	+	+	+	+	+	+
New Orleans	+	+	+	+	+	+
Month & Fiscal year + June 30	+	+	+	+	+	+

Aug. 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barren, Nev.

Sir:

The following awards for supplies required by your Mint for the current fiscal year, submitted in your letter of the 23rd instant are hereby approved, viz:

Acid, oxalic Justinian Caïre.
C.P. 65-lbs.

@ 65¢ per lb.

Ammonia Strong

" 16dV " "

Bone Ash (best extra quality)
Borax (crude)
Lith

11 4 9 11 11

Borax (crude)

11 8 1/2 11 11

Litharge (pure)

" 8 C "

Salt-petre (refined)

" 9 1/2 " "

Justinian Caire (continued)

Soda (bicarbonate)	@ 3 1/2 Apr. lb.
250 Crucibles, French clay, No. 9	@ \$7.20 " doz.
5 doz. nests " Sand	" 50¢ " doz. nests.
Cups, annealing,	" \$1.20 " doz.
150 Muffles, Mint, best quality	" 8.50 " "
100 Muffle Bridges	" 75¢ each
Scorifiers, 2 inch, Battersea	" 20¢ per doz.
2 doz. Test Tubes 5 x 5/8	" 30 7/8 " "

Phoenix Manufacturing Company

100 B. L. Covers for No. 9 Crucible	@ 50¢ each
50 " " " " " 60 "	" 35¢ "
100 " " " " " 45 "	" 25¢ "
100 " " " " " 2 "	" 15¢ "
20 " " " " " 16 "	" 20¢ "
5 doz. Dipping Cups No. 3	" \$2.99 per doz.
3 " " " " " 2 "	" 2.99 " "
6 " B. L. Crucibles " 100	" 2 14/100 " No.
3 " " " " " 125	" 2 14/100 " " "
12 " " " " " 90	" 2 14/100 " " "
2 " " " " " 12	" \$2.50 " doz.
12 " " " " " 45	" 2 14/100 " No.
12 " " " " " 60	" 2 14/100 " " "
2 " " " " " 35	" 2 14/100 " " "
2 " " " " " 8	" \$2.50 " doz.
2 " " " " " 20	" 2 14/100 " No.
1 " nests " French Clay No. 10	" \$2.00 " doz.

L. H. Bell

50 gals Alcohol	@ \$2.75 per gal
6 doz. Brooms, light	" 5.00 " doz.
" " " heavy	" 6.00 " "
" " " mill	" 5.75 " "
Brushes, dust	" 65¢ each
Crash, A (first quality)	" 15¢ per yd
1000 yds Duck, heavy, 40 inch.	" 25¢ " "
3 doz. Mops, Cotton	" \$6.00 " doz.

(over)

L. H. Bell (continued)

500 yds. Muslin, ¹⁰⁴/₄ @ 30¢ per yd.
Golden City Chemical Works.

1000 lbs. C. P. Nitric Acid @ 22¢ per lb.

80000 " Nitric Acid " 7 1/2¢ " "

20 lbs. C. P. Muratic Acid " 22¢ " "

(Carboys, bottles & cans to be returned)

Olcovich Bros.

Brushes, scrub @ \$3.00 per doz

Candles, 6 boxes " 2.50 " box

Crash (second quality) " 12 1/2¢ " yd.

H. Borkowitz.

6 Bales, Blankets, Gray, 6 lbs. @ \$4.20 per pair

No. 2242 Gloves, Jack Buck Plymouth " 16.00 " doz

" 2243 Mitts " " one finger " 15.50 " "

" 587 " New Zealand " 15.50 " "

" 378 Gloves, Smoked Calf " 13.00 " "

J. G. Conklin.

Gloves, Ladies, Buck, Gauntlet @ \$12.00 per doz

" Dog skin " 13.00 " "

A. Bergmann.

Mitts, Buck No. 736 @ \$16.50 per doz

" " " 664 " 15.00 " "

Joseph Platt.

Gloves, Rubber gauntlet @ \$21.50 per doz

" Buck " 13.50 " "

Baruch & Newman

Mitts, No. 400, Buck, one finger @ \$12.00 per doz

Hootman & Rodenbach.

Charcoal, 15,000 Bushels @ 28¢ per bushel

Carson & Tahoe Lumber & Fluming Company.

Wood, yellow pine, 700 cords @ \$6.50 per cord

Comstock Mill & Mining Company.

Acid, Sulphuric, 50000 lbs. @ 30 1/2¢ per lb.

(Will take solution from Refinery and pay for same at the rate of 10¢ per lb. for each pound of metallic copper used.)

The award made by you to the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co. for Copper is disapproved, as the quantity you call for is believed to be more than will be required by your Mint during the current fiscal year, and it is also believed that Copper can be obtained from time to time in the open market at a lower rate.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

August 1st, 1890.

Telegram Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Telegraph promptly your July coinage.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

August 1, 1890

Telegram Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and twelve cents, per ounce fine, to take effect tomorrow.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 1st, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit an official copy of the new regulations in regard to the purchase of silver bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890.

These regulations go into effect on the 18th instant - the date at which the new silver law, by its terms, takes effect.

Purchases of silver under the act of February 28, 1878, will cease at the close of business on the 12th instant. You will have your deposit sheets footed at that date, or as soon thereafter as the deliveries on the silver purchased by the Treasury Department under the act of 1878 are completed, so that the total amount of silver purchased, parted from gold deposits and received in bar, charges and fractions under the act of 1878 may be ascertained and carried to your "silver purchase bullion account." After that date no silver bullion will be carried to this account and the balance in your "silver purchase bullion account" will show the amount of bullion purchased under the act of February 28, 1878, remaining uncoined.

The silver purchased under the act of February 28, 1878, will be coined into standard silver dollars, and you will report the coinage and seigniorage on this silver separate from the coinage and seigniorage on that purchased under the act of July 14, 1890. The silver purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, will be carried to a separate

account to be denominated "Silver Bullion Purchased, Act of July 14, 1890."

The law provides that until July 1891, that is for a period of one year, two million ounces of the silver purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, shall be coined monthly into standard silver dollars. You will be instructed from time to time as to what portion of this coinage will be executed at your mint, but in the mean time, and in addition to the coinage required under the act of July 14, 1890, you will proceed to coin the silver purchased under the act of 1878 into standard silver dollars as fast as the same can be done conveniently, with your present force and without working overtime.

Attention is directed to the regulation which provides that "No silver coin, except mutilated and uncurrent coin of the United States, will be received on account of purchases" after August 12, 1890. If foreign silver coin is deposited at your mint for sale to the Government after that date you will decline to receive it.

Your attention is also directed to the regulation which requires that payment for the silver purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, "will be made by check drawn by the Superintendent of the Mint or an Assistant Treasurer of the United States to the order of the seller, payable in Treasury notes." This will apply to local purchases as well as to Treasury purchases. For the present it will not apply to silver contained in gold deposits. Instructions

will be given you later as to making the adjustments in your coin accounts on account of the payments in coin for silver partings.

You will receive notice of the sub-Treasury at which Treasury notes will be placed to your credit and in drawing checks on an Assistant Treasurer after August 12, 1890, you will state in the body of the check: "Payable in Treasury notes."

It will be necessary for you to open a currency account in connection with your system of bullion and coin accounts, entitled: "Treasury notes," which account will be debited with the amount of Treasury notes placed to your credit by the Treasurer of the United States, and credited with the payments. You will specify on your abstract sheets the amount paid in Treasury notes separate from the amount paid in coin and bars.

The silver purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, which will not be required to be made into coin, may be run into large bars or remain in the shape of the original bars purchased, as may seem most desirable for storage purposes, and will be stored away in a vault with the exact weight and fineness stamped in plain figures on each bar.

When bars other than fine or standard bars are delivered on purchases a refining charge will be imposed, and such bars will be refined before storage.

Silver received in payment of charges on silver bullion deposited for bars, and in bar fraction, will be purchased under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1890,

at the rate of \$1. per standard ounce.

Department Circular No. 124, relative to the purchase of mutilated and uncurrent United States Silver Coins, will continue in force, and the silver acquired in this manner will be treated as a purchase under the act of July, 14, 1890.

The usual statement will be forwarded to this Bureau exhibiting the quantity of silver delivered on each purchase of 10000 ounces or over and the cost thereof as soon after the completion of the delivery as possible; and the usual monthly statement of the quantity of silver bullion delivered on purchases and the amount purchased in partings, in bar fractions and charges and in uncurrent United States coin, will be continued.

A separate statement Form No. 198, will be rendered of the silver bullion purchased and coined under the act of July 14, 1890.

The semi-weekly statements of silver bullion on hand and its cost required to be reported at the close of business on Mondays and Thursdays, will be discontinued, and also the semi-weekly statement form No. 233. The other statements of silver purchases and coinage will be continued.

You will report by telegraph at the close of business each Saturday, and also on the last day of each month, the approximate amount of silver in fine ounces, contained in local purchases and partings up to the date of the report, in the current month.

Respectfully Yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 1, 1890,
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo I have to inform you that your warrant was mailed to you yesterday. In this connection I desire to say that your requisition was not received here until the 21st July.

If you will hereafter give yourself more time in making your requisitions for funds instead of waiting until half, or more, of the month has elapsed. You will have no further trouble of this kind.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Aug. 1st, 1890.Assayer in Charge
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers,
 for the quarter ending June 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter sent to:

Assayer in Charge
St. Louis.

Aug. 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper
 accounting officers of the Department
 for examination and settlement your
 ordinary, Refinery, and Stand Silver
 Dollar Accounts for the month & Fiscal
 year ending, June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Medal Fund Account + + Quarter ending
 June 30, 1890 + + + + +

August 1st, 1890.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

On and after the 13th instant offers for the sale of silver under the new silver law will be considered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at twelve o'clock, instead of at one o'clock as heretofore.

I send you by mail today a number of circulars for distribution. A circular has been mailed to each of the regular sellers of silver.

On and after that date you will please telegraph the price of silver in New York, and the rate of exchange, by eleven o'clock sharp on each of the days named, except when they fall on legal holidays.

Respectfully yours,
 E. A. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

August 1st, 1890.

Sir:

Hereafter instead of telegraphing each request for gold bars for shipment you will wait until two o'clock each day, and telegraph the total amount asked for.

Respectfully yours,
 E. A. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Aug. 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward, as soon as you can conveniently do so, your statements of Domestic Production, Deposits and Purchases and Bars Manufactured during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.August 1st, 1890.Supt. U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday relative to the Seiss machine, I have referred the same to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco with instructions to pack securely and deliver them to the United States Quartermaster in that city, for shipment to your mint.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.August 1st, 1890Supt. U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

On and after the 13th instant offers for the sale of silver in lots of ten thousand [10,000] ounces ounces and over, will be considered by the Treasury Department on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

of each week at twelve o'clock.

I send you by mail today some circulars for distribution to sellers of silver.

You are hereby instructed to telegraph at the close of business on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, the price of silver in San Francisco, based on actual transactions as far as practicable. You will make the message as short as possible, somewhat after this form: "Silver one dollar twelve." Where the price fluctuates widely you will give the extremes, in other cases the mean. In case other information appertaining to silver purchases or offers is required to be telegraphed the same day you will include the price of silver in the same dispatch.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

August 1st, 1890.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Mr. W. H. Clark, the Adjutor of Scales at your Mint is in this city attending to the settlement of his father's estate.

As you are well aware, there is always more or less delay in such matters, and he has represented to me that this delay may necessitate his absence from the Mint longer than he anticipated when he left San Francisco, so I have assured him that if he is absent five or six weeks there will be no complaint on

your part which I trust will meet with your
Concurrence,

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 1st, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco,

Sir:

C. D. No. 55 for \$6934.⁰⁰ being on ac-
count of Net surplus Bullion, Fiscal year
ending June 30, 1890, inclosed in your
communication of the 26th ult. has been
received, properly indorsed and forwarded
to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal
credit to be given you in your Bullion
accounts, and the amount to be covered
into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous
receipt.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

August 1st, 1890.

Charles E. Barber Esq.
Engraver, United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barber:

The Secretary will return to
the City on Monday, and if you will come
over any day next week he will give you
a hour's sitting in connection with the
medal which is being prepared in
his honor.

From 9 to 10 in the morning he does

not receive visitors, but looks over his private mail with his private secretary. I suggested that you could work at your model while he sits at his desk, and I think that is the best hour, so if you come be at my office at nine o'clock and let me know the day before when you will be here.

Your necessary expenses to and from Washington will be paid.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

When will my medal be done?

August 1st, 1890.

Telegram Superintendent, Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

You are authorized to pay five hundred thousand dollars in gold bars in exchange for gold coin as per your telegram received date yesterday.
E. O. Leech
Director.

August 1, 1890.

To the
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Your offer to deliver to the Quartermaster U. S. Army at Baltimore for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson Nevada 20 tons of the best ingot copper at 15 1/2¢ per pound is accepted. You will please deliver the copper properly marked.

Telegram
Baltimore

to the Quartermaster, Maj. A. J. Mc Gonnigle, 18
West Saratoga St. Baltimore who has been re-
quested to receive and forward the same,
forwarding your account receipted in
duplicate, accompanied by his receipt
of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1890.

Maj. A. J. Mc Gonnigle
Quartermaster U. S. Army,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I will thank you to receive from the
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling
Company, 20 tons of Copper for shipment to
the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. and forward
the same under General Order No 66, War
Department, dated July 26, 1876.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer respectfully declined. Will consider offers again
on Monday.

E. O. Leech, Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. }
Denver, Colo.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company }
#20 Nassau Street - New York.

August 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

No telegram has been received from you up to this date giving your coinage for July, I cannot understand why you did not telegraph this promptly at the close of business on the 31st ultimo.

Your attention has been previously called to your failure to promptly telegraph your coinage and I trust that you will take such measures as will avoid the necessity of my having to call your attention again to this omission on your part.

Respectfully yours,
 E. W. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

August 2nd, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo asking for additional copies of my report on the Production of the Precious Metals, 1889, you are respectfully informed that the edition is entirely exhausted.

A resolution has passed the Senate providing for an additional 1000 copies, and as soon as it receives favorable consideration in the House additional copies will be obtained and a supply will be sent you.

Respectfully yours,
 E. W. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

August 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C.D. No. 31 for \$ 1.⁰⁰ being on account of balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1890 enclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

August 2nd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to close your institution to the receipt of deposits and the transaction of business with the public at one o'clock on each Saturday, during the months of August and September, 1890.

You are also authorized to excuse at that hour those employees whose services can be spared. This latter authority is one to be exercised at the discretion of the Superintendent, to be exercised in the interests of the Government.

Respectfully Yours,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

August 2nd, 1890.

Telegram

Superintendent, Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Close for deposits and payments at one o'clock
to-day and excuse all employes whose services
can be spared. No extra pay will be allowed
those whose services are necessary, during the
regular hours. Instructions by mail.

E. O. Leach
Director.

August 2^d, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday in
relation to a Water Filter for the use of your
Mint I have to say that I have no objection
to the purchase of one, if you are satisfied
that it will come up to your expectations
and the ordinary condition of your water
supply renders it necessary. If the Filter
has a capacity of twelve to twenty gallons
per minute, (as represented) I can see no
necessity for a second. At all events
the one should be first thoroughly tested
before incurring the additional expense.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Sept. Mint, U.S.

Aug. 1st, 1890.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of July, 1890 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

12 U.S. Dollars

\$ 12.00

Total

\$ 12.00

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 2nd, 1890.

Orr and Hoss Machine Company,

1318 Spring Garden St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me whether you are prepared to furnish for the use of the United States Mint at New Orleans two cutting machines similar to those purchased from you for that Mint on November 24, 1884, and what the cost for each machine will be, finished complete with the best material and in the best style and workmanship and delivered to the shipper in Philadelphia. Also in what period of time you will agree to have the machines ready for shipment.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 2nd, 1890.

Telegram

Fourth National Bank
New York, N. Y.

Please ascertain from the signers of the letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury whether the hour of two o'clock would be objectionable, and let me know by mail.

E. O. Leech
Director.

August 2, 1890.

Messrs. Clark Dodge & Co.,
#57, Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, stating that your offer of 100,000 ounces of silver at \$1.15 per fine ounce, for delivery at New Orleans, was good only for that day, you are informed that the Department considers offers good only for the day in which made unless otherwise stated by the parties offering, and you were yesterday informed that offers would be considered again on Monday.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

August 2nd, 1890.Telegram
Confirmed

Messrs. W. L. Loiza & Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined. Will consider offers on Monday.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

August 2nd 1890

Supt US Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The report of the adjustment of weights and balances at your Office, for the quarter ended June 30, 1890, has been received.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 2nd 1890

Assayer in Charge
US Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended June 30, 1890, has been received.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 2nd 1890

Assayer in Charge
US Assay Office, St. Louis.

Sir:

Your register of deposits for the quarter ended June 30, 1890, has been received.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 4th 1890

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

An additional supply of the "Biographical Cards" recently called for by the appointment division of the Department

was mailed to you a few days ago. One of these cards will hereafter be filled up to accompany each new appointment and one will be forwarded for each person who has been appointed since the cards were first adopted.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Supt US Mint, New Orleans.	Supt US Assay Office
" " " Carson City.	New York
" " " San Francisco.	Assayer in Charge, US Mint, Denver

August 4th 1890

Supt US Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts & Vouchers for the month ending June 30, 1890

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 4th 1890

Assayer in Charge
US Assay Office, St Louis,

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts & Vouchers for the month ending July 31 1890. This account for the month of June, has not yet been received

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

August 4th 1890Supt US MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$4,000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion"

Very respectfully,
C. O. Leech

Director

Similar letter, except as noted, to:

Supt US Assay Office, New York - Amount \$8,000 -

August 4, 1890

Supt US MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$26,000 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1891	\$4,000
Fees of Workmen	"	18,000
Contingent Expenses	"	4,000

Very respectfully,
C. O. Leech

Director

Similar letter, except as noted, to:-

Supt US Assay Office New York - Amt \$6,200 -

Assayer in Charge, St Louis -

		\$3,300
		2,100
		800
		\$294.80
		200.00

August 4th 1890Supt US MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{as} for the amounts respectively ^{re-}quired, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Haudy ^{was} Harman 150,000 Ounces @ \$1.1295

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as noted, to:-

Supt US Mint, New Orleans - Charles Dodge Esq, 75000 Ounces @ \$1.1350

August 4. 1890

Assayer in ChargeUS Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

Sir:

An additional supply of the "Biographical Cards, recently called for by the appointment division of the Department, was mailed you a few days ago. One of these cards will hereafter be filled up to accompany each new appointment, and one will be forwarded for each person who has been appointed since the cards were first adopted.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Assayer in Charge, US assay Office, Charlotte N.C

" " " " " " St Louis, Mo

" " " " " " Boise City Idaho

Assayer in ChargeUS Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated Aug 1st 1890 of Gold Bullion

August 4th 1890

forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No 3 dated July 26th 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$26,251.72, Charges \$0.35, and net value \$26,161.37. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 1st 1890

Hon William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the US Assay Office at Boise City to that of the US Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$25,792.67), in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Sixty Eight ⁷⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$368.70), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred and Sixty One ³⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26,161.37), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum dated August 1st 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech,
Director

August 4. 1890

Hon Thomas J. Blaine
House of Representatives
Washington D C

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communications of the 26th ultimo and the 2nd instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a letter and telegram from

at Philadelphia with the request that he will obtain the die for preservation in the Mint Cabinet

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 14th 1890

Mrs H. C. Johannes
Delaware City, Delaware

Dear Mrs Johannes:

I send you a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco relative to your husband's illness.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 14th 1890

The Editor,
San Francisco Chronicle
San Francisco, Cal

Sir:

Referring to an editorial in your issue of the 24th instants, entitled "Leech on Silver" permit me to say that I never made the statements which you criticize, nor was I interviewed at all on the subject with my knowledge or consent.

The only interview on the new silver law which I authorized was that which appeared in the New York "Evening Post" of the 25th instants, where my views are correctly represented.

I was especially surprised at the statement in your editorial "the truth is that his well-known animosity to Silver prevents his looking at the subject fairly or understandingly"

I was under the impression that I had the reputation of being very friendly to silver, and it will certainly be news to the representatives of the Pacific Coast in Congress to learn that I have any animosity on the subject, as they have always looked upon me as a friend of silver.

My first official act on taking charge of the Mint Service was to stop counter-offers on the part of the Government in the purchase of silver which has been in vogue during the Democratic administration ^{and} which had the effect of "bearing" the price. This was immediately followed by the opening of the mints on the Pacific Coast to the coinage of silver, which had been suspended during the Democratic administration.

I feel sure that you will do me the kindness to correct any misapprehensions which may have been formed from the editorial referred to.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 4, 1890

Telegram

Clark Dodge & Co

51 Wall Street, New York

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at One hundred thirteen ^{and} one half

E. O. Leech
Director

Confirmed

August 4, 1890

Telegram

Hardy & Harman

24 Nassau Street, New York

Your offer accepted

E. O. Leech
Director

Confirmed

August 4, 1890

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co

Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at One hundred thirteen ^{and} one half, which is a half cent above the market price

E. O. Leech
Director

Confirmed

August 4, 1890

Telegram American Exchange National Bank
New York N.Y.
 Your offer declined.

E. O. Leach
 Director

Confirmed

August 4, 1890

Telegram W. Louiza & Co
San Francisco, Cal.
 Your offer accepted

E. O. Leach
 Director

Confirmed

August 4, 1890

Telegram Supt U.S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.
 Receive from W. Louiza & Co, twenty thousand ounces fine
 silver, at one hundred thirteen ^{and} one half cents per ounce fine

E. O. Leach
 Director

Confirmed

August 4, 1890

Telegram Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York
 Pay seventeen hundred ^{and} fifty thousand dollars
 in gold bars for gold coin

E. O. Leach
 Director, Mint

Confirmed

August 5, 1890

Supt U.S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting of
 officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement of our

Ordinary Refinery ^{and} Standard Silver Dollar accounts for the month ending June 30, 1890, with my approval

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

August 5, 1890

Supt US Mint
Carson City, Nev

Sir:

6/5 54 for \$553.69 being on account of unexpended balances of Appropriations for Salaries, Wages of Workmen + Contingent Expenses of your mint fiscal year 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 28th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts as the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the above appropriations as follows: Salaries \$41.18, Wages of Workmen 11^p and Contingent Expenses \$52.40.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

August 5, 1890

First Auditor
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery ^{and} Standard Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the US Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month ending June 30, 1890 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Hon William WindomSecretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

As the stock of silver bullion at the mint at Philadelphia, purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, remaining uncoined, is about 3,000,000 ounces, while the stock at New Orleans is only about 260,000 ounces, I propose, if it meets with your approval, to transfer about a million ounces of silver bullion from the mint at Philadelphia to the mint at New Orleans for coinage into silver dollars, the cost of transportation to be paid from the silver-profit fund of the latter institution, in accordance with the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of March 18, 1878, and the opinion of the First Comptroller of the Treasury of the same date.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Supt U.S. MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be One dollar, twelve and one-half cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Supt U.S. MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of L. P. Foster for newspapers furnished your mint for statistical purposes.

The bill amounting to \$30.50, will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint 1890 (Mining Statistics)

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director

August 5, 1890

Joseph Francis, Esq
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sir:

I sent you by express to-day a dozen copies of the obverse and a dozen of the reverse of the medal struck in your honor by the mint at Philadelphia.

I enclose herewith the bill for the same, amounting to \$5.00 with the request that you will transmit the amount.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Hon William M Stewart
US Senate, Washington D.C.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 1st instant, I have forwarded to-day to Mr. W. S. Chapman 306 Pine Street, San Francisco, Cal, copies of the reports of the Director of the Mint for the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889; and of the reports on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the years 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888.

I regret that the edition of the report on the Production of the Precious Metals 1889 is entirely exhausted. The Senate has passed a resolution to print an additional thousand copies of this report, which is awaiting action by the House. If it should receive favorable action by that body a copy will be forwarded to Mr. Chapman.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Messrs Hardy & Hannan24 Nassau Street, New York N.Y.

Gentlemen:

If it would be entirely agreeable to you, in case you offer silver bullion for sale to the Government, I would suggest that you make your offers for delivery at either the mint at Philadelphia or that at New Orleans, as the Government may prefer. If you think it desirable you may make separate offers for delivery at each mint ^{and} separate rates.

As most of the silver offered is for delivery at the mint at Philadelphia ^{as} it is desirable to distribute the purchases in order to distribute the coinage, your offers would be more apt to receive favorable consideration if the Government had some option as to the place of delivery.

Respectfully yours
C. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, to: —

August 5, 1890

Fourth National Bank

New York, N.Y.

August 5, 1890

Supt U.S. MintNew Orleans, La

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston ^{and} Colorado Smelting Co, 75,000 Ounces @ \$1.1350Respectfully Yours
C. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Callaghan & Co
114 Monroe St, Chicago Ill.

Gentlemen:

Please send to this Bureau one copy of "Eudlick on the Interpretation of Statutes," with your bill for the same.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Hon James G. Blaine
Secretary of State, Washington DC

Sir:

This Department is in receipt of frequent applications, many of them from abroad, for copies of the new silver law (Public No 214). The supply furnished this Department having been exhausted. I would respectfully request that an additional supply be furnished.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

George L. Stevenson Esq
U S Assay Office, New York N.Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, you are respectfully informed that the salary of the Register of Deposits is fixed by law, and I have no power to change it.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Phoenix Manufacturing Co
Taunton, Mass

August 5, 1890

Gentlemen: In reply to your letter of August 4th, You are

informed that the award made by the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson, Nev. to your company to furnish Black Lead Crucibles, has been approved by me.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

If it is any more convenient to shippers, you are authorized to telegraph the requests for gold bars at 3 O'Clock, P. M. instead of 2 O'Clock, daily.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 5, 1890

Telegram

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

If decided to ship a million ounces of silver to New Orleans as certain from agent of United States Express Company how much he could handle daily until shipment is completed. Commence preparation of first invoice, allowing weights at which you receive the bars. Invoice should state cost price of silver. Send total ounces and cost of each invoice here so transfer orders may be drawn

E. O. Leech
Director

informed.

August 5, 1890

Telegram

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

I am thinking of transferring a million ounces of silver from your mint to New Orleans for coinage. Inform me by mail to-day how long it would take to get it ready for shipment

E. O. Leech
Director

informed.

August 5, 1890

Telegram Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

You are authorized to deliver to Brown Brothers & Company two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold bars in exchange for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director

Confirmed

August 5, 1890

Telegram Brown Brothers & Company
New York N.Y.

I have instructed Superintendent of Assay Office to deliver to you two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold bars in exchange for gold coin.

E. O. Leech
Director

Confirmed

August 5, 1890

Telegram Supt U.S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and thirteen cents per ounce fine, to take effect to-morrow.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar telegram to: -

Supt U.S. Mint New Orleans and Supt U.S. Mint Carson Nev.

Confirmed

August 5, 1890

Telegram Supt U.S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram of to-day fixing price of silver at one dollar and thirteen cents revoked. The price will be one dollar twelve and a half cents.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar telegrams & confirmations to: -

Supt U.S. Mint New Orleans and Supt U.S. Mint Carson Nev.

Confirmed

Telegram

Supt US Mint

August 5, 1890

New Orleans, La.

I am thinking of transferring a million ounces of silver from Philadelphia to your mint for coinage, to be received at weight and assay of Philadelphia mint. Do you see any objection?

E. O. Leech

Director

Confirmed

Supt US Mint

August 6, 1890

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday in reply to my telegram relative to the shipment of a million ounces of silver to New Orleans for coinage, I telegraphed you to day approving of your suggestion that invoices from the 1st to the 19th of July, amounting to a little over 1,000,000 standard ounces of silver be transferred, instructing you to deliver the same to the United States Express company.

You will, of course, send invoices to New Orleans so that they may check the bars, and allow them the same weight and fineness at which they were received by you and entered in your accounts.

When the shipment is complete you will forward a statement to this Bureau showing the total weight, either in fine or standard ounces, and the total cost, so that the amount may be transferred from your bullion fund to that of the mint at New Orleans.

Transportation will be paid either by the mint at New Orleans or by the Department at Washington. You will have nothing to do with that portion of the transaction.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Telegram

C. H. Kaufman Esq.

August 6, 1890

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer respectfully declined. New

Confirmed

offers will be considered to morrow

E. O. Leech

Director

August 6. 1890

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name the sum of \$110,000, on account of profits on the Comage of Silver dollars and that the Bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully Yours
 C. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 6. 1890

Hon William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the US Assay Office at Charlotte NC. to that of the US Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars (\$22,979.72) in Gold Coin and One Thousand and Forty $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars (\$140.43) in Silver coin, making a total of Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars (\$23,120.15) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte NC, as shown by Memorandum dated August 14th 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
 C. O. Leech
 Director

Assayer in Charge
US Mint, Denver Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your

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institution during the month of August 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$2,200, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1891 \$1,000

Wages of Workmen 1,200

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech

Director

Similar letter, except where noted to:

Assayer in Charge

Charlotte N. Co.

Am't \$731.70

Salaries \$231.70
Wages Ent'g \$500.00

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Assayer in Charge

U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte N. Co.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31. 1890

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech

Director

Assayer in Charge

U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte N. Co.

August 6. 1890

Sir: Deposit Memorandum dated Augt 4th 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No 7 dated July 31. 1890, has been received & examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$23,174.85; Charges \$54.70, & net value \$23,120.15. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia

Respectfully
E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Telegram

Handy Geo Carman, 24 Nassau St N Y

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Your offer for New Orleans respectfully declined. Offers will be con-

Confirmed

sidered to morrow

E. O. Leech

Director

August 6, 1890

Eliot L. Jewett, Assayer
in Charge U.S. Assay Office St. Louis

Sir: In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 14th instant, you are authorized to procure such supplies in the open market from time to time as may be required at your institution

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 6, 1890

Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office, St. Louis

Sir: I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Saint Louis by telegraph

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 6, 1890

Edmund W. Brown Esq.
757 Gordon St., Savannah, Ga

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 14th instant you are informed that proof coins are sold at the Mint at Philadelphia, but only of the current calendar year.

During the present calendar year no one or three dollar gold pieces nor three cent nickel pieces have been struck. The other coins may be had on demand of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. I enclose a circular giving the price

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 6. 1890

Hon Wm Windom
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of O. C. Rosbyshell Superintendent of the US Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver dollars so that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 6. 1890

Hon Wm Windom
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St Louis Mo, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St Louis Mo, by telegraph.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 6. 1890

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One dollar, eleven
 and One half cents per ounce fine

E. O. Leech

Similar telegrams to: (Over)

Director of the Mint

Telegram

Confirmed

Telegram Supt US Mint at San Francisco Supt US Mint at Harrison City
 Confirmed " " " " New Orleans

August 6, 1890

Telegram Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

No authority has been given Dr. Helek by the Secretary or myself to have any plauchets made at the mint. Take no action in the matter without specific authority.

E. O. Leech
 Director

Confirmed

August 6, 1890

Telegram Supt US Mint
New Orleans La

Will order for your mint from Orr & Hess Machine Company two cutting machines similar to the ones sent you in Eighteen Eighty-four at a cost of two thousand dollars, recommended by Mr. Butler. Please telegraph me to-day requesting the machines.

E. O. Leech
 Director

Confirmed

August 6, 1890

Telegram Supt US Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Ship to mint at New Orleans invoices of silver bullion from July first to nineteenth, referred to in your letter of yesterday at same weight & fineness as received by you. When completed forward statement of total ounces & cost to this Department for transfer from your bullion fund.

E. O. Leech
 Director

For telegram Supt US Mint New Orleans Aug 6. See pp No 111

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia Pa

August 7, 1890

Sir: At the suggestion of the sellers of silver bullion, the

hour at which offers for the sale of silver in lots of ten thousand ounces has over will be considered by the Treasury Department has been changed from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock, P.M. and I enclose herewith copies of the amended regulations to that effect

Respectfully yours

C. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letters to:

Supt US Mint at San Francisco

Supt US Mint

" " " " New Orleans

Carson City, Nev

August 7. 1890

Hon William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the US Mint at Philadelphia to that of the Mint at New Orleans of the sum of One Million, Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three ⁸⁷/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$1,073,393.87) payable in 1,114,767.85 ounces of standard silver bullion

Respectfully yours

C. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Hon William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson City Nev be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco by telegraph

Respectfully yours

C. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Supt U.S. MintNew Orleans, La.

Sir:

As recommended by Mr. Butler of this Bureau in his report on the Annual Settlement and Count of your mint, and as requested in your telegram of yesterday, I have ordered from the Orr & Hoss Machine Company two cutting machines similar in all respects to the one made by that firm for your mint in 1884, to be made of the best material and with the best workmanship, and to be finished in eight weeks. The price of the ^{two} machines will be \$2,000, and the expense will be paid from the appropriation contained in the act approved July 14. 1890.

As soon as the machines are received you will telegraph me whether they are satisfactory.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Orr & Hoss Machine Company1578 Spring Garden StreetPhiladelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 5th inst offering to furnish two cutting machines, similar in all respects to those made by you in 1884, for the Mint at New Orleans, to be made of the best material and in the best style of workmanship, carefully boxed and delivered on the cars in Philadelphia, and to complete the same in from six to eight weeks time from the order, for the sum of \$2,000, Your offer is hereby accepted and you are authorized to make the machines and ship them to the mint at New Orleans, forwarding your bill in duplicate to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Supt US MintCarson City, Nev

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 1st instat enclosing a bill of Alfred Doten for compiling the Statistics of the production of the Amstock, bearing your approval, you will please inform Mr. Doten that the bill will be approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for payment. As in the course of three or four weeks a draft for the amount will probably be mailed him.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Supt US MintPhiladelphia, Pa

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion funds of your mint to that of the mint at New Orleans, of the sum of \$1,073,393.87, payable in 1,114,765 Standard Ounces of silver bullion.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Supt US MintPhiladelphia, Pa

Sir:

I return herewith memorandum of gold bullion received August 14th from the US Assay Office at St Louis for correction as indicated in pencil. More care should be exercised in making up these memorandums.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Supt US Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith approved the following contracts for supplies required by your mint for the current fiscal year, enclosed in your letter of the 28th ultimo:

John C. Wilson — Coal

D. Immuels — Dry Goods

Phoenix Muff Co — Shirts, Cravats & Coats.

I also return approved the contract of F. G. Conklin for Gloves Buck (86 x x x) @ \$14⁰⁰ per doz

" " (darning) @ \$11.50 per doz (ladies) @ \$11.50 per doz

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Supt US Mint
New Orleans La.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your mint, of the sum of \$1,073,393.87, payable in 1,114,767.88 Standard ounces of silver bullion, which is to be taken up & accounted for by you as bullion for the coinage of silver dollars under the act of February 28, 1878. The expense of transporting this bullion from Philadelphia to New Orleans will be paid by you from your silver-profit fund

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

Assayer in Charge
US Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho

August 7. 1890

Sir: The following awards submitted in your letter

of the 29th ultimo, are hereby approved, viz:

Peter Dorna

20 Tons (2000 lbs) local Rock Spruce @ \$9.⁰⁰ per ton
 200 lbs. Borax (crystallized) " \$12.²⁵ " 100 lbs
 10 Tons, Coke " \$17.²⁵ " ton

Phoenix Manufacturing Company

3 doz - Conicals, B L, 3 1/4" wide x 4" deep with lids @ \$5.⁰⁰ " doz
 1/2 " " " " No 18 " \$4.⁵⁰ " 1/2 "
 1 " " " " " " " " " " " \$4.⁵⁰ " doz
 1 " " " " " " " " " " " \$8.⁵⁰ " "
 1 " Muffle Bridges 5 x 12 x 2 " \$12.⁰⁰ " "

(Delivered at Boise City)

John Pidenbaugh

100 lbs Pure Lead in Bars @ \$10.⁰⁰ per 100 lbs
 3 doz. 7# Bottles Nitric Acid, C P for \$70
 5 gals. Wood Alcohol " \$11
 1/2 doz: Glass Funnel 3 1/2 in German " \$2.⁴⁰
 1/2 " " " 4 1/2 " " " \$2.²⁰
 1/2 do " " " 5 1/2 " " " \$3.⁰⁰
 1/6 " " Graduates 4 oz " \$1.²⁵
 1/6 " " " 8 " " \$2.⁰⁰
 1/6 " " " 16 " " \$3.⁰⁰

The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully, yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Telegram Supt US Mint, New Orleans La.

August 6, 1890

Will ship by Express from Philadelphia to-day a little over one million one hundred thousand Standard ounces of silver in fine bars, which will be received at same weight & finances at which Philadelphia received them, and will be transferred to your Bullion fund. Instructions for the payment of transportation will be given you by mail

E. O. Leech
 Director

Conformed

August 7. 1890

Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte N.C.

Sir:

I have examined & referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, with my approval, except a disallowance of \$2.87, error in gold deposit No 219, fineness 914 instead of 940.

This will change your balances:

Coin	\$40,286.05
Mint at Philadelphia	19,347.22

You will please correct your accounts accordingly as these will be your opening balances July 1, 1890

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

First Auditor
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination & settlement the Bullion account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the quarter ending June 30th 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Similar letter, except as noted, to Auditor:

Assayer in Charge, Charlotte N.C.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates & for the amounts respectively

named, which you will receive ^{no} pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Charles Dodge & Co 75,000 ounces @ \$1.1225

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 7. 1890

Arnold Brothers & Co

59 Wall Street, New York

Gentlemen:

Replying to your communication of yesterday I beg to say that I answered your dispatch in regard to gold bars which you desired immediately on its receipt, ^{and} if you will inquire at the telegraph office as to the hour when it was sent from this office you will find that it was within five minutes after your dispatch was handed to me.

In addition to telegraphing you, I immediately telegraphed the Superintendent of the Assay Office to deliver the bars to you. I did not understand from Mr. Mason's letter that he submitted your request for my action, as his instructions are to submit all requests by wire at 2 o'clock for the consideration of the Secretary. ^{and} had thought that your request would be embraced with the others.

While it is important ^{and} necessary that the Department should have some time to consider the matter of the exchange of bars for shipment, which are invariably submitted to the Secretary, I wish you to feel that there was no intention on my part to delay action in regard to your request.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Subt As Mint

Carson City, Nev

August 7. 1890

Sir: I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your

institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at San Francisco by wire

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 7, 1890

H. Froemmer Esq
*710 Market St, Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to state the lowest price at which you will manufacture for the U.S. Mint at Denver Colo a new set of weights, running from 1/100 of an Ounce to 50 Ounces, for the balance of that mint, the weights to be finished in the best manner

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 7, 1890

Iowa City State Bank
Iowa City, Iowa

Sir:

Your communication of the 4th inst enclosing a draft in my favor for \$40, and requesting metals therefor has been received and referred to the Supt of the Mint at Philadelphia and the draft endorsed to his order.

For your information I would say that all communications in regard to the shipment of coins should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and all drafts made payable to his order

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La

August 7, 1890

Sir: I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers

of the Department for Examination ^{and} Settlement of your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending June 30th 1890 with my approval except Error of 89¢ overpayment U.S. Express Co Oct 1889 bill, which I recommend be disallowed.

For Memorandum S. K. P. 116

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

August 7, 1890

H. C. Lelay Esq.
Office of the First Auditor
Treasury Dept, Washington D.C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your reports on the Annual Settlement ^{and} Count at the Mints of the United States at San Francisco ^{and} Carson City, made pursuant to my instructions of June 14, 1890, ^{and} to say that you have discharged the duties entrusted to you to my entire satisfaction ^{and} I am very much pleased with your reports

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 7, 1890

Supt U.S. Mint
Carson City, Nev

Sir:

I have received the report of Mr. H. C. Lelay Esq. on the Annual Settlement ^{and} Count of your mint, made pursuant to my instructions of June 14, 1890, ^{and} I am very much pleased with the result of the year's business at your mint ^{and} with his very favorable report in regard to it

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Supt U.S. Mint at San Francisco

Memorandum
United States Mint at New Orleans

1889

October Express Bill

Oct 1 \$3.000 to 1st National Bank Farmersville, Texas, 501 miles in-
stead of 548, equal \$3.51 instead of \$3.29; disallowance \$0.28
" " \$1.000 to J. G. Richardson Athens, Texas, 473 miles instead of
543: \$1.00 instead of \$1.09; disallowance \$0.09
Oct 23 \$2.000 to First National Bank Lockhart, Texas, 543 miles
instead of 571: \$9.76 instead of \$10.28; disallowance \$0.52
Total disallowance \$0.89

August 7. 1890

Telegram

Orr & Lees Machine Company
1518 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia Pa

Go ahead with the manufacture of the two cutting machines.
Letter ordering them by mail
E. O. Leech
Director

August 7. 1890

Telegram

Clarks Dodge & Co
51 Hall St New York

Your offer declined. Will accept the same for New Orleans at
one hundred, twelve and one fourth cents, which is above the market
price

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

Confirmed

August 7. 1890

Telegram

Hauidy and Harman
24 Nassau St, New York

Your offer declined. Will accept the same at one hundred
and twelve for Philadelphia or one hundred, twelve and one fourth cents
for New Orleans, which is above the market price

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint

Confirmed

Telegram

J. H. Seligman & Co
New York

August 7, 1890

Your offer declined. Will accept the same at One dollar and twelve cents.

E. O. Leach

Similar telegram to:

Director, Mint

Confirmed

Amenau Exchange National Bank N.Y.

Telegram

Boston via Colorado Smelting Co
Denver, Colo.

August 7, 1890

Your offer declined. Will accept the same at One hundred, twelve and One fourth cents, which is above the market price

E. O. Leach

Confirmed

Director, Mint

Supt U.S. Mint

August 8, 1890

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the paragraph in the Regulations in regard to purchases of silver bullion providing that bars in excess of 1300 ounces shall not be received, I would say that this regulation is to be construed liberally, and any bars in the neighborhood of 1300 ounces may be received.

The Delby Smelting & Lead Company informs me that their bars now on the market weigh nearly 1300 ounces. You will not reject any bars now on the market on account of the additional weight. This regulation is not a new one but has been in all the circulars on this subject, and is in the present mint regulations of 1888. It was adopted mainly at the request of the eastern mints, as they complained of difficulty in handling larger bars than 1300 ounces, and also with the desire to promote uniformity in the size of the bars sold the mint.

This latter reason is very important as we may

have to store large quantities of the silver purchased under the new law

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 8, 1890

Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

As it is probably that no working stock of silver can be purchased during the current month at your mint under the new law in time for the preparation of ingots and coinage into silver dollars required by that act, you will confine your coinage of silver dollars during the current month to the coinage of silver purchased up to and including the 12th inst under the old law.

You will coin as many silver dollars and double Eagles as your stock of bullion will permit with your present force and without working overtime.

Of course it will not be necessary to use the identical silver purchased under the new law for the coinage executed under that law when such coinage is authorized at your mint; and a portion of the silver purchased under the new law can be used in the preparation of ingots to facilitate the coinage under the old law, the point being that you will enter in your accounts as coinage under the old law the exact number of silver dollars that can be coined from the bullion purchased under the act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 8, 1890

Sir: Before approving your requisition for funds for

for the expenses of your mint for the current month, I beg to say that the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, contained in the act of February 28, 1878, can be used only in the coinage of silver purchased under that act, and that no portion of it can be used for expenses in connection with the coinage under the act of July 14, 1890.

The act last named contains an indefinite appropriation similar to that in the act of February 28, 1878. The title of this appropriation on the books of the Department will be "Coinage of silver bullion, act of July 14, 1890."

You will please inform me what portion of your requisition of ten thousand dollars made on the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar will be necessary during the current month from the appropriation contained in the act of February 28, 1878, and what amount from the appropriation contained in the act of July 14, 1890.

You will render separate accounts of the expenses under these appropriations.

I repeat, in order that the matter may be perfectly clear, that the extra expenses for the coinage of silver dollars from bullion purchased under the act of February 28, 1878, although such coinage may not be executed for several months to come, must be paid from advances from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, act of February 28, 1878, but that no expenses for coinage under the new law can be paid from that appropriation but must be paid from the appropriation for the "coinage of silver bullion, act of July 14, 1890."

Possibly it would be as well, in order to prevent so many accounts, this month, to use your regular appropriation for wages for the coinage after the 13th instant and the standard silver dollar appropriation, act February 28, 1878, for the coinage before, and to make no requisition for an advance this month from the appropriation for "coinage of silver bullion, act July 14, 1890." However, I will leave this matter to your judgment and discretion.

Respectfully Yours
E. D. Loomis
Director

August 8, 1890

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The mints will be required to coin during the present month under the act of July 14, 1890, (a copy of which I send you) that is from 13th to the 31st, both days inclusive, 1,580,000 Silver dollars. The law requires that 2,000,000 (fine) ounces shall be coined monthly and as the law goes into effect on the 13th instant it will be necessary to coin $\frac{19}{31}$ of this amount this month.

It is probable that the first purchases will be made for your mint. You are therefore instructed to hold yourself in readiness to coin one million silver dollars between the 13th and the 31st instant; and it might be well for the Comr to hold back any silver dollars which he may have minted after the 13th instant in order that they may be applied to the coinage under the new law.

Of course you will understand that it will not be necessary for you to use the identical silver purchased under the new law for the coins manufactured under that law. The ingots can be prepared from the stock on hand, and the stock replaced with the silver purchased under the new law. It is simply a matter of accounts and a compliance with the law.

The silver coined under the new law will, of course, be reported separately and entered in the accounts separately from that coined under the old law.

In addition to this coinage, as directed in the instructions already given you, you will coin as much of the old stock as possible with your present force and without working overtime.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except where noted to:

Supt US Mint San Francisco, Cal.

Miner's stock omitted - Coin 300,000 Silver dollars

Supt US Mint New Orleans - *Similar San Francisco -*
 Coin 250,000 Silver dollars

August 8, 1890

Supt US MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates per for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive per pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York

Haady per Herman 50,000 Ounces @ \$1.12

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

August 8, 1890

Supt US MintPhiladelphia Pa

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst, you are informed that no more than 20,000 lbs of Copper will be ordered from the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company under their proposal of the 30th ultimo, as new bids will be invited whenever Copper is required

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

August 8, 1890

Delby Smelting & Lead Company114 Sacramento St San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst, in relation to Department Circular regarding purchases of Silver Bullion, you are respectfully informed that the regulation providing

that no bars of over 1200 ounces should be received is the usual regulation on this subject ^{and} has not been changed in any particular. You will find it in all former circulars ^{and} in the regulations of the Mint Service

It was instituted especially with reference to the eastern mints which found that they could not conveniently handle bars of over that size, but the regulation has never been strictly enforced ^{and} bars weighing from 1200 to 1300 ounces would not be refused. I have to-day addressed a letter to the Supt of the Mint at San Francisco instructing him to receive any of your bars weighing less than 1300 ounces, now on the market.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 8, 1890

Supt US Mint

New Orleans La.

Sir:

C/O "38 for \$870.02, being on account of Sale of Old material, inclosed in your communication of the 5th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech

Director

August 8, 1890

Supt US Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts & Vouchers for the quarter ending June 30, 1890

Very Respectfully

E. O. Leech, Director

August 8, 1890

Hon William WindomSecretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the US Mint at Denver, Colo, to that of the US Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Eight $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars (\$74,888.40) in Gold Coin and Ten Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,075.48) in Silver Coin making a total of Seventy-Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Three $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars (\$75,963.88), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the US Mint at Denver Colo. as shown by Memorandum dated August 6, 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully, Yours

Similar letter to Secretary, except as noted:

E. O. Leech

US Assay Office Boise City - \$18,510.01 -

Director of the Mint

August 8, 1890

Assayer in ChargeUS Assay Office, Boise City, I.

Sir:

Deposit memorandum dated August 6th 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the US Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No 4 dated July 31, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$18,557.18; Charges \$47.17, and net value \$18,510.01. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the US Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully, Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as noted, to:

Assayer in Charge US Mint Denver Colo.

Shipment No 2: \$76,159.70, Charges \$45.82 - Net \$75,963.88

August 8, 1890

Telegram

Spemille BradenAssayer, US Assay Office, Helena, Mont

Your resignation was handed the President. Probably mislaid. Had better telegraph the President your resignation to take effect on appointment ^{and} qualification of your successor

E. O. Leech

Director

August 8, 1890

Telegram

J. H. Seligman & CoNew York

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Confirmed

August 8, 1890

Telegram

Zimmerman & Forsyth11 Wall Street, New York

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Confirmed.

August 8, 1890

Telegram

Supt US MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Telegraph at close of business Saturday cost of local purchases ^{and} postage this month

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Confirmed

Similar telegram ^{via} Confirmation to:-

Supt US Mint New Orleans: Supt US Mint at Carson City.

August 8, 1890

Telegram

J. H. Seligman & CoNew York

Have no reply from you to my telegram of yesterday

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

August 8, 1890

Suplt US MintPhiladelphia

Treasurer pressing for Dimes. Demand urgent

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

August 8, 1890

Boston + Colorado Smelting Co.Denver, Colo.No reply has been received to our despatch of yesterday.
Do you accept the offer we made you? Answer.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Suplt US MintSan Francisco, Cal.

August 9, 1890

Sir:

For the present, purchases of silver bullion under the act of July 14, 1890, both Treasury purchases & local purchases, will be paid by check on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, as it has been impossible for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in the brief time of 30 days, to engrave and print the notes in time to be forwarded to any other office than that at New York.

As soon as a sufficient stock of notes have been printed to justify it I will request that a supply be transferred to your mint for use in paying for local purchases and partings. While it may prove inconvenient for depositors to receive payment for local purchases by checks on New York, it is unavoidable for the present.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter to: -

Suplt US Mint, New Orleans & Suplt US Mint Carson City

August 9, 1890

William D. Wheeler, Esq.
Helena, Montana

Sir:

Your appointment as Assayer-in-Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, vice Spruille Braden, resigned, was sent to the Senate yesterday. When you are confirmed by that body the first thing you will have to do will be to execute an official bond in the penal sum of \$50,000, with good and sufficient sureties, and forward the same to this Bureau for my approval and the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Enclosed herewith I send you blank form of bond and affidavits of surety, and also Oath of Office.

You cannot execute your bond until you know the date of your Commission, which I will telegraph you as soon as it reaches me, which will be a few days after your confirmation, but you can make all your arrangements in regard to your bondsmen so that when I telegraph you the date of your Commission, which is to be inscribed in the bond in the proper blank space, you will be prepared to execute it immediately and forward it to this Bureau.

You will note carefully the instructions at the bottom of the bond in regard to writing in full Christian names and sealing with wax or wafer, so that it will not be necessary to return your bond on account of any informality, and thereby delay the date of your entrance upon duty.

For your information I would say that it will be necessary for your sureties to qualify, in addition to personal property, in real estate to the full amount of your bond. That is to say that the sum of the real estate specified by all of the Sureties should equal the amount of the bond, besides the personal property to which they certify.

The official oath will not be subscribed to until you are ready to take charge of the Assay Office, as your pay will begin from the date of your official oath.

When your Commission is received I will forward

it to Mr. Steed, the United States District Attorney at Hoboken, to hold until your bond has been approved, and I will telegraph him when to deliver it to you. When it is delivered to you, you will immediately subscribe to an official oath before some Judge and take charge of the assay office.

Full instructions will be given Mr. Boudon in regard to the disposition to be made of the bullion in public funds in his possession.

While in some respects it is desirable that you should take charge at the beginning of a month, still it is not essential, as the transfer can be made at any time without the slightest difficulty, but if there is any delay in your confirmation, or the execution and approval of your bond, so that you should not be able to take the oath until the close of this month, I may instruct you to delay entering upon duty until the 1st of September, but as I say, this will depend on circumstances, and unless you have some decided wish in the matter it will be well to leave it entirely to my discretion.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

August 9. 1890

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst relative to the receipt and coinage of bullion under the act of July 14, 1890, I think that my letter of yesterday, which had not reached you when yours was written, makes plain the matter of utilizing the present stock of silver for coinage under the "new law."

In regard to the payments for local purchases required by the regulations, you will see that the language of the law is "and to issue in payment for such purchases of silver bullion Treasury notes." Under the law we cannot purchase silver except with Treasury notes.

It has been my intention, as soon as these notes can be prepared in sufficient quantities ^{and} denominations, to have a supply transferred to each of the coinage mints, but the most that the Bureau of Engraving ^{and} Printing has been able to do in the short time allowed for the engraving ^{and} printing of these notes has been to engrave ^{and} print three denominations, viz: \$1.000, \$100 ^{and} \$10. These will not be finished until the 12th or 13th inst, and a supply will be immediately sent to the Assistant Treasurer at New York. As soon as the Department can be supplied with these notes in sufficient quantities ^{and} denominations to warrant it, I intend to ask that a supply be placed with you for local purchases ^{and} payments.

In regard to the storage of bars, for the present at least, you will turn over to the Minter ^{and} Refiner as received such stocks as will be required for coinage purposes, ^{and} temporarily store the others with the exact weight of the bars stamped on them after the assay chip has been taken off. From time to time we will arrange to have them stored securely, but just what arrangements we will make it will be difficult to say until I have had an opportunity to confer with you more fully on the subject.

If you require any additional vault room you will let me know ^{and} I will see what can be done in the matter.

As we have a very much larger quantity of silver to buy under the new law than under the old law it was decided to increase the number of purchase days. Of course the amount purchased depends on the amount offered ^{and} the prices at which offered. I cannot regulate the matter of the size of the purchases.

If you find that the bars purchased are not shipped in the order of the invoices you will communicate with the shipper on the subject, ^{and} I think you will be able to regulate that part of the work.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

August 9. 1890

Charles E. Barber, Esq.
Engraver, U.S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bill for expenses in visiting Washington has been approved & referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for payment, & in the course of a few weeks a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

The Secretary will be away from the City for a few weeks, & when he returns I will speak to him on the subject of the inscription.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Litch
 Director of the Mint

August 9. 1890

Spencer Braden Esq.
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury accepting your resignation as Assayer of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena Mont., to take effect on the appointment & qualification of your successor.

As I telegraphed you to-day, due notice will be given you in regard to turning your office over to your successor. After he is confirmed by the Senate it is necessary that he should execute a bond & qualify, when his Commission will be forwarded to him & you will be notified on what date to turn the office over to him, which will be date on which he receives his Commission.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Litch
 Director of the Mint

Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 9. 1890

Sir: I enclose herewith the account of the "News" for

Advertising for proposals for supplies, amounting as approved by the Department, to \$38.40, which sum is payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your mint for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1890.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 9. 1890

Hon William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of A W Smyth, Supt US Mint at New Orleans, the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Thousand dollars (\$130.000) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 9. 1890

Supt US Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the US in your name, the sum of \$130.000 on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Supt US Mint

New Orleans, La.

August 9. 1890

Sir: The following coins, reserved at

your Mint during the month of July 1890 ^{has} forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for Special assay have been received, viz:

22 33 Dollars - \$22.00, Total \$22.00

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except where noted, to
Supt US Mint, San Francisco Cal.

16 55 Dols - \$16.00 - Total \$16.00

August 9. 1890

Hon William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the US Assay Office at St Louis, Mo, to that of the US Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$18,615.10), in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred Thirty Three ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$233.60) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Eight ⁷⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$18,848.70), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the U S Assay Office at St Louis, Mo, as shown by Memorandum dated August 4th 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leach

Director

Assayer in Charge

US Assay Office, St Louis, Mo.

August 9. 1890

Sir: Deposit memorandum dated Augt 4, 1890 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment #117 dated July 31. 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$18,897.81; Charges \$49.10, ^{no} net value \$18,848.71. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the US Mint at Philadelphia. Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

August 9. 1890

Assayer in ChargeU.S. Assay Office, Charlotte N.C.

Sir:

In answer to the statement made in yours of the 8th inst., assay report #219 is herewith enclosed, showing the gold fineness to be 914 upon which the calculation was based.

The supposition was that your Abstract sheets, were made from the assay reports, but in this case it does not seem to have been made in that way.

Please send corrected assay report.

Very respectfully

E. O. Leech

Director

August 9. 1890

Telegram

Spindle BradenAssayer, Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

Your resignation will be accepted in proper form. Wheeler will take charge after he has been confirmed. ~~As~~ has qualified. Instructions will be given you when this has taken place.

E. O. Leech

Director

Telegram

Subt. U.S. MintCarson, Nev.

You are authorized to accept the bid of J. P. Woodbury for sweeps.

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Confirmed

August 11. 1890

Bank of CaliforniaSan Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant,

you are informed that this Bureau has no cipher code, but I have no objection to your making up ^{and} forwarding one to be used by you in making offers of silver.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

August 11, 1890

Hon William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, be increased in the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), by a transfer of that amount in Treasury Notes, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York, ^{and} the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia advised of the credit by wire.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

Similar letters to the Secretary, except where noted:

Supt U.S. Mint San Francisco - One Million (\$1,000,000) ^{dollars}
" " " New Orleans - Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) "
" " " Carson City - " " " (500,000) "

August 11, 1890

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United

States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech

Similar letter, except as noted, to:-

Director of the Mint

Supt US Mint, San Francisco - One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars.

" " " New Orleans - Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) "

" " " Carson City - " " " (\$500,000) "

August 11. 1890

Hon William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the US Assay Office at Helena Mont to that of the US Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{64}{100}$ dollars (\$20,359 $\frac{64}{100}$), in gold coin and One Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{76}{100}$ dollars (\$157.56), in Silver coin, making a total of Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Seventeen $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars (\$20,517.40), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the US Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No 3 dated August 7, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

August 11. 1890

Assayer in Charge
US Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No 3, dated August 7, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the US Mint at Philadelphia Shipment #3 dated July 31. 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$20,566 $\frac{99}{100}$, Pesos #49 $\frac{59}{100}$, and net value \$20,517. $\frac{40}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your

Institution to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 11. 1890

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is my intention to prepare for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury a new edition of the Instructions and Regulations in regard to the transaction of business at the mints and assay offices of the United States.

If you have any suggestions to offer based on the present regulations I shall be pleased to receive and consider them. It is especially important that the schedule of charges for parting, melting, refining and toughening should be fixed so that the receipts from these operations shall equal the expenses, as required by law.

Any suggestions in regard to the present schedule of charges in force at your institution which will more completely meet this requirement, and at the same time disturb as little as possible the present business with depositors, will be considered.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:

Supt U.S. Mint at San Francisco.

" " " " New Orleans

" " " " Carson City

" " Assay Office, New York.

Similar to Assayers in Charge, except as noted. - Commencing at Sentence in 2^d Par: It is especially to be noted which applies only to "Comage Mints" viz: - Assayer U.S. Mint, Denver, Colo.
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office, Helena
" " " " Charlotte
" " " " Boise City
" " " " St. Louis

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 11. 1890

Sir: Silver contained in gold deposits received from

the minor assay offices after the 12th instant will be treated as a purchase of silver under the requirements of the Act of July 14, 1890.

As this silver has never been purchased until it reaches the mint, it will, of course, be received under the new law.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 11, 1890

Assayer in Charge
U.S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures and Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 90, are herewith returned for correction.

Please correct as indicated in pencil, your last two transfers to Philadelphia Mint, (must not enter into this quarter's work June 30, 90) as the Transfer Orders were not issued until July 23 and 26 1890. Please forward corrected A/c's, and return the original ones at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

Assayer in Charge
Helena, Mont

August 11, 1890

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1890

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

Telegram

Supt U.S. Mint

August 11. 1890

Philadelphia Pa

Fifty Thousand Ounces purchased on Seventh instant from
Haudy & Harman at One hundred & twelve. Letter of
advice mailed you eight instant

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Confirmed

Telegram

Supt U.S. Mint

August 11. 1890

Carson, Nev

Have you book of checks on Assistant Treasurer at New
York?

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Telegram

Clark Dodge & Co

August 11. 1890

57 Wall St, New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Similar telegrams & confirmations to:-

Fourth Natl Bank, New York, Messager, Leggett & Co, New York
Com. Kansas City S & P. Co " " Zimmerman & Firshay " "
and American Exchange National Bank " "

Telegram

Haudy & Harman

August 11. 1890

24 Nassau St, New York.

Superintendent, Mint, Philadelphia instructed on the eight
instant to receive fifty thousand ounces from you, at
one hundred & twelve, on your sale of August seventh.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Confirmed

August 11, 1890

Telegram American Exch^g Natl Bank
New York

Your offer at One dollar thirteen $\frac{9}{100}$ per cent eight cents declined.

No further offers will be considered until Wednesday.

E. O. Leech

Similar telegram, except as noted, to:—

Director, Mint

Zimmermann & Frishay, 11 Wall St New York — "One dollar and fourteen" —

August 12, 1890

Hon William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the US Assay Office at St Louis, Mo, to that of the US mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred and Ten $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars (\$13,110. $\frac{92}{100}$), in Gold coin, and Three Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{97}{100}$ dollars (\$359. $\frac{97}{100}$) in Silver coin making a total of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{99}{100}$ dollars (\$13,469. $\frac{99}{100}$), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the US Assay Office at St Louis as shown by memorandum No 119 dated Aug 9, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said mint

Very respectfully

E. O. Leech

Director

Similar letter, except as noted, to the Secretary

x x x x x x x x
 x x at St Louis x x x x Thirteen Thousand
 Four Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{55}{100}$ dollars (\$13,429. $\frac{55}{100}$) x x x
 One " " Eighty-four $\frac{64}{100}$ " (\$184. $\frac{64}{100}$) x x x
 Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred and Fourteen $\frac{9}{100}$ x (\$13,614. $\frac{9}{100}$) x x x
 by Mem No 118 dated Aug 9, 1890 x x x x x x x

Assayer in Charge

US Assay Office St Louis Mo.

August 12, 1890

Sir Deposit memorandum No 118 dated Aug 9, 1890 of Gold

Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia
Shipment #718 dated August 6 1890, has been received and examined at
this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$13,602 $\frac{54}{100}$, Charges
\$38. $\frac{35}{100}$, and net value \$13,614 $\frac{19}{100}$. For the latter amount a
transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution
to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully Yours

C. O. Leech

Similar letter, except as noted, to same receiver:

Director of the Mint

x x No 119 x x x x x

x Shpt " 119 x x x x x \$13,501 $\frac{51}{100}$, Charges

\$31. $\frac{52}{100}$ x x \$13,469. $\frac{99}{100}$ x x x x x

August 12, 1890

Supt US Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to suggest for your consideration and your views,
some of the more important changes in the regulations which I
contemplate making in the new edition.

Article 3 page 7, I propose to strike out. I know of
no law which authorizes an advance on deposits of goods,
but the statute clearly contemplates that no payment shall
be made for a deposit until it has been assayed. Of
course silver purchases are an exception, as they are purchased
under a different law, and the Secretary has absolute power
in regard to them.

The last section of Article 4 beginning: "the annexed charges",
and ending with: "each charge", I think should be omitted. It
has led to considerable trouble as it seems to imply that
some power is conferred on the officers of the Mint Service
to change the charges fixed by the schedule, as circumstances
seem to them to warrant. It seems to me that the schedules
themselves cover every supposable case, and that there is no ne-
cessity for any general regulation for modifying them.

The first paragraph at the top of page 8, and

also the paragraph below section 3 on the same page, I propose to omit.

In regard to section 6. "Bar Charge" would it not be well to impose a bar charge on all deposits for bars & omit the portion "not required to be parted or refined"?

I beg to direct your attention to the paragraph at the beginning of section 10, page 9. As the charge for parting gold & silver & refining gold is the same I do not see any force in that section, but I shall be glad to have your views in regard to it. Would it not be well to increase the rate of parting gold & silver & refining gold at your institution where it contains over 100 base material to one cent additional instead of one-half cent. This would considerably increase your receipts from parting & refining, & would make the rate uniform so far as charging for one hundred additional base is concerned at all the institutions of the Mint Service (for of course I would change it at Carson also), and it seems to me that when deposits contain over one hundred additional base the charge of one cent additional for eliminating it would not be ~~an~~ unreasonable, & would come nearer making your refinery self-supporting.

I may write to you on other points connected with the regulations as they occur to me, but you will please feel at liberty to make any suggestions which you think would be of interest on the subject.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as noted, to:

Supt U.S. Assay Office, New York

Beginning at sentence "Would it not be well to increase the rate of parting" - 1st last paragraph to end of letter, omitted -

Supt U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

August 12, 1890

Sir: As requested in your communication of Yesterday

I return herewith your requisitions for funds for the current month. Any adjustment that you arrive at will be satisfactory to the Bureau, except that you will understand that the expenses of the coinage of silver dollars under the act of July 14, 1890, cannot be paid from the appropriation contained in the act of February 28, 1878, and that the appropriation last named, which you have heretofore been using, is repealed, except as regards the expenses of coining the stock of silver purchased under the act of February 28, 1878.

This is the decision of the Secretary.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

August 12, 1890

Supt U.S. Mint
New Orleans

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company for 20,000 lbs of Copper shipped you on the 9th inst, amounting to \$3,100⁰⁰. As soon as the Copper is received, you will forward the Company a draft on New York for the amount.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

August 12, 1890

Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 1st inst in which you were requested to telegraph me the price of silver in the rate of exchange in New York by eleven o'clock, sharp, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week.

I would say that in view of the fact that the hour for making purchases having been changed back to one o'clock you will consider that request revoked, and you will send the price and the rate of exchange at the hour at which you have been accustomed to send it.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 12, 1890

First Auditor

Treasury Department

Sir: I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 12, 1890

Assayer in Charge

U.S. Assay Office, Boise City.

Sir: I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully
E. O. Leech
Director

H. C. Froemmer, Esq.

710 Market St. Philadelphia, Pa.

August 12, 1890

Sir: Your offer to manufacture a set of weights for the use of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colo., ranging from 1/100 of an ounce up to 50 ounces for \$245, is accepted.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Chemical National Bank
Kearney, Nebraska

August 12, 1890

Sir:

I return herewith your draft on the Chemical National Bank, New York, in favor of the Supt of the US Mint at Washington for \$40⁰⁰ with the information that there is no such officer located in Washington. The draft should be made payable to the order of the Superintendent of the US Mint at Philadelphia to whom all applications for one cent and five cent pieces should be addressed.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

Baltimore Copper Smelting Co. Baltimore, Md.
Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.

August 12, 1890

Gentlemen:

Your account for 20 Casks of Ingot Copper shipped to the US Mint at New Orleans, has been forwarded to the Supt of that Mint with instructions to forward you a draft for the amount, \$3,100⁰⁰, on New York, upon receipt of the Copper.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

August 12, 1890

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.13 per ounce fine.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

August 12, 1890

Telegram

Supt US MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Advances purchasing rate of silver to One hundred
and thirteen cents to take effect tomorrow

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Confirmed

Similar telegrams & confirmations to:

Supt US Mint at New Orleans & Supt US Mint at Carson Nev

August 12, 1890

Telegram

Farrell & Co627 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, Pa.

Unless you agree absolutely to the terms proposed by the
Superintending Architect in regard to the vault at New Orleans, and
withdraw all reference to changes in Channels, proposed in your
letter of the ninth, we will immediately proceed to advertise for
proposals to build this vault

E. O. Leech

Director

August 13, 1890

Supt US MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at
the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at
your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts
respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft
on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes:

H. T. Moore — 100,000 ounces @ \$1.13

Con Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co. 50,000 " " \$1.13

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as noted, to:

Supt US Mint at New Orleans

Bristol & Co Smelting Co 70,000 ounces @ \$1.13

Con Kansas City " & Refg Co 50,000 " " \$1.13

August 13, 1890

Assayer in ChargeU.S. Assay Office, Hoboken, Mont.

Sir:

C/D #314 for \$260.23, being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping Charges, Quarter ending June 30, 90 inclosed in your communication of the 8th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, & forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leach

Director.

Similar letter, except as noted, to same Assayer

C/D #315 for \$70.55 4c Special Bullion Assays, x x no personal credit
 " " 316 " #655.64 " Office Sweeps fiscal year x x personal "
 " " 329 " #1192.93 " Gain on Bullion Shipped Mint " "
 " " 330 " #164.40 " Sweeps " " " "

August 13, 1890

Supt U.S. MintPhiladelphia, Pa

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday asking permission to set apart a lump sum - say \$10,000 - in silver dollars to be used in payment of local purchases & carried as Treasury notes until the Treasury is in a condition to supply the mint with such notes, you are respectfully informed that it has been decided that the plain language of the law requires that purchases of silver bullion, under the Act of July 14, 1890, shall be paid for in Treasury notes, & all of the institutions of the Mint Service have been instructed to pay for local purchases by draft on New York for the present.

Certainly it will be a great deal more inconvenient to sellers of silver at San Francisco, New Orleans & Carson to receive payment by draft on New York than it will be for sellers of silver in Philadelphia but no objection has been

made as yet on the part of the mints mentioned.

While I am anxious to accommodate depositors and Sellers of Silver as far as I can legally do so I doubt the legality of the action proposed by you and for the present you will pay for local purchases by draft on New York, but just as soon as a sufficient supply of the notes is printed I will request a transfer to your mint of a sufficient sum to meet local purchases. This will be in a few weeks I hope

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 13. 1890

Hon William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of Wm H. Dimond, Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech

Similar letter, except as noted, to the Secretary:

Samuel C. Knight x x x x at Carson, Nev, Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)

Director of the Mint

Supt U.S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

August 13. 1890

Sir: I have this day requested that there be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in your name, the sum of \$170,000 on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech

Similar letter, except as noted, to: —

Supt U.S. Mint at Carson, Nev x x x x \$40,000

Director of the Mint

Assayer in Charge

August 13, 1890

U.S. Assay Office, Charlotte N.C.

Sir: I have examined & as referred to the proper accounting of
 officers of the Department for Examination & settlement your Bullion
 accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, with my approval,
 having received corrected assay report #219

Very Respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director

August 13, 1890

Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co.Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the lowest rate at which
 you will deliver to the Quartermaster, U.S. Army at Baltimore, Ten
 Tons of the best Pigot Copper for the U.S. Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 13, 1890

Hon. J. H. GoodnightHouse of Representatives

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 11th instant, I
 enclose herewith a circular giving the value of foreign
 Coins, & have referred your letter to the Superintendent of the
 Coast & Geodetic Survey for the information not in possession of this
 Bureau.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Supt. U.S. Mint

August 13, 1890

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: Until further notice, the purchasing rate of Silver

at your mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be
\$1.125 per ounce fine

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 13, 1890

Labell Whitehead, Esq.
Assayer, Bureau of the Mint
Sir:

You are hereby instructed to proceed to Allegheny City, Penna, for the purpose of inspecting the electrolytic refining plant of the Pennsylvania Lead Company with a view to introducing a modification of it in the melting and refining department of the Philadelphia mint.

Your actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of this duty will be paid upon the presentation of your account properly sworn to, and with the necessary vouchers.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter to:-

David B Tuttle, Esq., M & R US Mint Phila.

August 13, 1890

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have instructed Mr Whitehead, the Assayer of this Bureau, to proceed to Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, to inspect the electrolytic refining plant of the Pennsylvania Lead Company with a view to introducing some modification of the same in the melting and refining department of your mint, and I have also instructed Dr David B Tuttle, of your mint to accompany him. I trust that Dr Tuttle can be spared for a few days in the performance of this duty.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Telegram

August 13, 1890

Supt US MintSan Francisco

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One hundred, twelve
and One half cents

E. O. Leech

Similar telegram to:

Director, Mint

Supt US Mint, New Orleans, and Supt US Mint Carson

Telegram

August 13, 1890

Claris Dodge & Co51 Wall St. New York

Your offer declined

Similar telegram to:

Haudy and Harman, 24 Nassau Street, New York

Messager, Colgate & Co 29 Wall " " "

J & H. Seligman " " "

Emmemaun & Forskay 11 " " " "

M Gernsheim & Co 10 " " " "

Telegram

August 13, 1890

C. H. KaufmanSan Francisco, Cal

Your offer accepted

E. O. Leech

Similar telegram to:

Director, Mint

Boston & Colo Smelting Co, Denver ColoCon Kansas City " & Reff Co 20 Nassau St, New YorkW T. Moore, Brush Electric Illuminating Co, Times Building " "

Telegram

August 13, 1890

Supt US MintSan Francisco, Cal.

Receive from C. H. Kaufman forty thousand ounces
at One dollar and thirteen cents per ounce fine

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

August 13, 1890

Telegram

Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall St, New York.

Your offer received too late for consideration. No offers
 received after one P.M.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint

August 13, 1890

Telegram

Fourth National Bank
New York

Your offer received too late for consideration.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint

Similar telegram to:

American Exchange Natl Bank, New York.

August 13, 1890

Telegram

Hon William Windom
New London, Conn.

Nine hundred thousand ounces offered at prices ranging
 from one thirteen to one fourteen. Bought three hundred and ten
 thousand ounces at one thirteen, the lowest price offered, & declined
 the others. Price paid a little above London price but below New
 York price. Think first day's work satisfactory.

E. O. Leech
 Director

August 13, 1890

Telegram

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

The law requires that the silver purchased under the act
 of July fourteenth, eighteen ninety shall be paid for in Treasury
 notes. You will pay for local purchases by check on New
 York for the present.

E. O. Leech
 Director

Telegram

Supt US Assay Office
New York.

August 13, 1890

Have you not made a mistake as to the price of certificates? Should it not be a dollar twelve and seven-eighths?

E. O. Leach
 Director

Supt US Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

August 13, 1890

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant relative to the shipment of the Swiss weighing machines to the mint at Philadelphia, I would say that you can pay the expenses of packing from your contingent fund, or, if they amount to any considerable sum, you may forward the bills to this Bureau and I will see that they are paid.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

Hon John P. Jones
US Senate, Washington D.C.

August 14, 1890

My dear Senator:

Referring to the subject matter in the letter of Mr. Barnum, herewith returned, I beg to refer you to the Finance Report, 1885, pages 496-498, where the results of an examination of a large number of subsidiary coins of the United States taken from the different sub-Treasuries are given.

Taking the period from 1874-1878 as a basis of estimation, during which period the largest number of pieces was tested, the average loss on the half-dollar was 1.37 per cent, and on the quarter-dollar 1.92 per cent. Estimating that these coins had a circulation of twelve years,

the loss on the half-dollar would be 11 per cent a century, and on the quarter-dollar about 15 per cent.

It is safe to say that the loss on small silver coins in active circulation will average from 10 to 20 per cent in a century, or from $\frac{1}{10}$ to 1 per cent a year.

Jacob places the wear of English silver coins at from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 per cent annually, but this now seems to be considered to be largely in excess of the results obtained from later experiments. Experiments were made at the London mint in 1826 to ascertain the loss on silver coins of different denominations. The result showed that half-crowns having a circulation of ten years lost about 1 per cent.

No systematic investigation on an adequate scale has ever been made in this country, so far as I am aware, to ascertain the loss on United States gold coins. The large recoinage of gold in 1873, some \$16,000,000, consisting principally of dollars, quarter-eagles and half-eagles with some few double-eagles, showed a loss of a little over one-half of one per cent after an average circulation of about twenty-five years. The annual wear of coins depends, of course, almost entirely on the activity of their circulation, and is found to differ with their sizes, and appears, indeed, to increase inversely with their size. The results of such experiments as have been made in this country tend to show that the abrasion of United States gold coins, under the past conditions of circulation, is from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 per cent a century, or from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a year on a million dollars.

As you are doubtless aware considerable attention has been given to this subject in England, and the deterioration of the gold currency and the percentage of abrasion have been forcibly presented by Prof. Javonds, John Biddulph Martineau and R. H. Inglis Palgrave, most of the papers on the subject appearing in the Journal of the Institute of Bankers, to which I refer you for further information.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Supt, U.S. Assay Office
New York.

August 14. 1890

Sir:

I very seriously question the propriety of the United States Government making "Sterling" bars.

There can be no objection to the Government making bars of its own standard, or refined bars, or unparted bars, but why we should manufacture bars of the standard of some other country, unless it be to make them more convenient for individuals to export, I cannot understand.

I had thought, in the new regulations, to omit any authority for the manufacture of "Sterling" bars. I shall be glad to have your views on this subject, and also to know the exact meaning of "Sterling" bars. Does it mean bars of gold of $916 \frac{2}{3}$ fine or bars of silver of 925 fine, or has the practice been to manufacture only the former?

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Fourth National Bank
New York, N.Y.

August 14. 1890

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of yesterday offering ninety-eight thousand ounces of silver for sale to the Government, received at this Bureau at 1.40 P.M., too late for consideration, I enclose herewith a copy of the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the offers for the sale of silver, from which you will see that the hour at which bids are considered is one o'clock.

It would be manifestly unjust to the other sellers of silver to consider further bids at a later hour unless due notice were given to all.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:
(Over)

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

American Exchange Natl Bank, New York x x x x x About 2⁰ O'Clock P.M.
 Zimmerman + Firshay New York x x x x x " 3⁰ O'Clock "
 x x x x x "a the days Mondays, Wednesdays + Fridays.

August 14, 1890

Supt US Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a statement showing the amount of minor coins transferred by the Treasury for coinage & exchange, and also of minor coins distributed from your mint during the fiscal year 1890, the same as on page 20 of my Annual report

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 14, 1890

Supt US Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

In order to enable the Treasury to meet the public demand, it is absolutely necessary that you should without delay, coin into dimes the balance of bullion resulting from the worn & uncurrent silver coins recently transferred to you. Please give this matter your immediate attention

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Supt US Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Assay reports #289 & 290 are herewith returned for signature.

Very respectfully
 E. O. Leech
 Director

Supt US Mint
Carson City, Nev

August 14, 1890

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at Your Mint, during the month of July 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay have been received, viz:

16 SS Dollars	~~~~~	\$16.00
2 Double Eagles		40.00
Total	~~~~~	56.00

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

S. A. Spencer, Esq.
"2224 Chestnut St. St Louis, Mo.

August 14, 1890

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst, you are informed that the weight of the five cent nickel piece is 77.16 grains and is composed of Copper and Nickel, 75 per cent of the former and 25 per cent of the latter.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

August 14, 1890

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of Silver at Your Mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.13 per ounce fine.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 14, 1890

Telegram

Supt US MintSan Francisco, Cal

Advance purchasing rate of silver ^{to morrow} to One hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine

E. O. Leech

Similar telegram to:

Director, Mint

Supt US Mint at New Orleans, & Supt US Mint Carson City, Nev.

August 14, 1890

Telegram

George C. Tichenor534 Canal St. New York, N.Y.

It has never been the practice to make public the price paid daily for silver. It is manifestly not for the interests of the Government. The only persons who would be benefited would be a few sellers of silver. In the absence of the Secretary I do not feel justified in deviating from the established practice in this respect.

E. O. Leech

Director

August 15, 1890

Supt US MintPhiladelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would suggest that you prepare for my consideration in connection with the new regulations, a new article in lieu of Article 14 of the present regulations in regard to the purchase of blanks & minor coinage metal, conforming the regulations to the instructions heretofore given you on the subject by me.

Article 14, as it exists at present in the regulations, was designed to apply to a state of facts when the mint purchased the metal & made the planchets. Now that the mint buys the planchets already made this article does not apply, and I had thought that I would rather have Mr. Cobb or one of your book keepers prepare the article for my consideration, than prepare it personally.

If you have any suggestions to make in connection with Article 15, I will thank you to submit them.

I beg to direct your attention to the change which was made by the late Director in regard to the cost of the coinage dies manufactured at your mint for the other mints. The late Director ruled that the cost of the dies should be re-imbursed your appropriation. (See Section 2, Article 16 of the regulations). It was evidently the intention of the law in establishing an engraving department in your mint ^{and} in providing in your appropriations, based on your estimates, for the salary of the engraver and the wages of his assistants, that the making of dies should be exclusively performed at the Philadelphia mint, and that the labor should be paid from your appropriation. The re-imbursements of this cost are, in my judgment, illegal, as well as a small matter which gives us a great deal of trouble in the Department in making the re-imbursements from the different appropriations ^{and} in keeping the accounts straight.

Unless you know of some good reason why the present regulation on that subject should be continued it seems to me that it would be better to leave the expenditures for the dies, including the cost of labor ^{and} material, in your appropriation exclusively, as was always done prior to the last administration.

I trust that you are giving considerable attention to the matter of the preparation of the new regulations, as I am exceedingly anxious to get the best judgment of my Officers on the subject ^{and} to have the new regulations complete for the approval of the Secretary by the end of this month.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Dept. of the Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the US Express Company received in duplicate for the transportation of \$1,073,393.87 in Silver bullion from the US Mint

at Philadelphia to your Mint, amounting to \$2,677.31, which sum you will pay from silver profits accruing from the coinage of silver dollars, under the act of February 28, 1878. You will transmit a draft for the amount in favor of the Express Company, on the Assistant Treasurer of the US at New York under cover to this Bureau.

Respectfully Yours
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Supt US Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

Purchases of silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Asst Treasurer at New York payable in Treasury Notes

Nesslage, Cogswater & Co	75,000 Ounces @ \$1.1430
Harold & Co Harman	100,000 " " \$1.1485
American Exchange & Note Bank	150,000 " " 1.1495

Respectfully Yours
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as noted, to:-

Supt US Mint at New Orleans, La

Boston & Co Smelting Co — 50,000 Ounces @ \$1.1440

Supt US Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your request of the 8th inst for two teams headed ^{and} endorsed ^{and} One team Second Sheets letter paper for type writing machines, you are instructed to purchase same in your city.

August 15, 1890

In the future you will please include all paper
of this character in your annual requestions for Stationery
Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Hon William Windom
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the
US Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifteen
Thousands Dollars (\$15,000), by a transfer of that amount in
lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of
the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise
City National Bank

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Assayer in Charge
US Assay Office, Boise City

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your
institution be increased by a transfer of Fifteen Thousands
Dollars (\$15,000), and that the same be placed to your credit
with Boise City National Bank.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Mrs H. Cobb, Esq.
Chief Clerk, US Mint, Philadelphia, Pa

Dear Mr. Cobb: I wish you would prepare for me a

statement somewhat similar to the one on page 24 of the Regulations, showing the space required for the storage of silver bars of different sizes, say from 1200 ounces to 2400 ounces, based on actual storage results.

In a communication which I had the honor to address to Mr. Haeker, a member of the Conference Committee on the silver bill, on the 5th of last month, relative to the space required to store 54,000,000 ounces in silver bars, I stated that if they were packed solid it would take 5,653 cubic feet.

That estimate was verified by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, and while we differed a few hundred feet we agreed substantially as to the space required.

Of course in practice, in storing bars of various sizes it would require more space, and I would like to have a table prepared showing the storage room required for different sized silver bars.

In the communication to Mr. Haeker referred to, the Supervising Architect gave the cubic contents of the two new vaults in your mint as follows: 11,020 cubic feet in the vault in the basement; 7,708 cubic feet for the one in the first story; a total of 18,828 cubic feet, while the capacity of the four old vaults in your mint aggregated 7,314 cubic feet.

According to this statement your mint has a storage capacity of between four and five years' purchases of silver bullion under the new law. I took occasion, however, to explain, in presenting the report of the Supervising Architect, that the vaults referred to were already nearly filled with silver dollars and other coins.

I would like to know also what storage capacity you have for silver bars purchased under the new act, provided I should fill the large vault with silver dollars in addition to those already there under seal.

Respectfully Yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co.
Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten (10) tons of the best Commercial Pigot Copper to the Quartermaster U.S. Army at Baltimore for shipment to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco at 15 1/2¢ per pounds, is accepted, and I will thank you to deliver the same to Major Mc Connigle for shipment, who has been requested to receive and forward the same.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Maj A. J. Mc Connigle D. M. U.S. Army
18 West Saratoga St, Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

I have requested the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company to deliver to you ten (10) tons of Pigot Copper for shipment to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, which I will thank you to receive and forward.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver at your mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.14 per ounce fine.

Respectfully Yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

August 15, 1890

Telegram

Supt US MintSan Francisco, CalAdvance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and
fourteen cents per ounce fine tomorrow.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Similar telegram to: -

Supt US Mint at New Orleans, and Supt US Mint at Boston City.

August 15, 1890

Telegram

Supt US MintSan Francisco, Cal.Receive from R L. Heath forty-two thousand, seven hundred
seventy ounces, at One dollar and fourteen cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

August 15, 1890

Telegram

Clauy & Harman24 Nassau St, New YorkYour offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred
fourteen eighty five, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

August 15, 1890

Telegram

Wesslage, Colgate & Co,29 Wall St, New York

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Similar telegram to: -

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co, Denver Colo. and R L. Heath, Seattle

American Eagle Refining Works, New York } Mt Diablo Mill, San Francisco, Cal

Telegram

J. & W. Seligman & Co
New York
 Your offer declined.

August 15, 1890

Similar telegram to: -

M. Gersheimer & Co, 10 Wall St New York, & J. J. Zimmerman & Forsyth, 11 Wall St New York

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint

August 16, 1890

S. G. Breck, Esq.
Chief of Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Dept
 Sir:

I return herewith a statement of the estimated product of gold & silver in certain States & territories of the Union each year from 1848 to date.

I have inserted in the statement the estimated product each year from the best authorities, so far as I have been able to secure anything like exact statements. While the amounts deposited at the mints and assay offices of the United States from some of the States and territories for certain earlier years could be given, it would not be fair to say that it would be the estimated product for such State or territory. For this reason I have not felt that I could insert the figures in such cases.

It will be remembered that the first statistics collected in the United States in regard to the product of the gold and silver mines was under the appropriation of the act of July 28, 1866. Reports for the years 1866 and 1867 were made by a Special Commissioner, Mr. J. Ross Browne. These reports were succeeded by eight annual reports by Dr. R. H. Raymond, the last being for the year 1875. The first report by the Director of the Mint on the Production of the Precious Metals was for the calendar year 1880, but statistics of the product of individual States & territories had been published in the fiscal reports of the Director of the Mint, more or less complete, each year since 1873; so that from 1866 it may be said that we have an accurate statement of the

product of the different states and territories, but prior to that, the statistics are not accurate.

As I say, it might be possible to fill in the product for the earlier years for some of the states and territories enumerated on this statement from the amount of gold and silver deposited at the mints and assay offices, but this would not be an accurate statement of the product of such states and territories, and I think it would be misleading.

Trusting this information may be satisfactory, I am,

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

August 16. 1890

Hon William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I am informed by Mr. J. J. Shirley, Clerk of this Bureau, who has been absent on account of sickness, and for whom Mr. E. H. Henderson has been acting as substitute, that he will return to duty on Monday the 18th instant.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

August 16. 1890

Supt U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.15 per ounce fine.

Respectfully Yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

August 16, 1890

Telegram

Supt U.S. MintSan Francisco Cal

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and fifteen cents to take effect Monday

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Similar telegram to: -

Supt U.S. Mint New Orleans, & Supt U.S. Mint at Carson, Nev

August 18, 1890.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. MintCarson, Nev.

Confirmed

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar, eighteen and one-half cents, to take effect to-morrow.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram to: -

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans and Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram.

M. M. Tompkins,San Francisco Cal.

Confirmed

Your offer of fifty-thousand ounces of silver at \$1.16, accepted.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram

Gimmernan & Horshay,#11, Wall Street,New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram. Handy & Harman,
*244 Nassau Street
New York.

Confirmed. Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred nineteen ³/₄ one-half cents accepted. Other declined.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegram. Bank of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. Your offer of two hundred thousand ounces of Silver at one dollar ¹/₂ and eighteen cents accepted.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. Receive of M. M. Comptons fifty thousand ounces at one dollar ¹/₂ and sixteen cents per ounce fine.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. Receive from Bank of California two hundred thousand ounces at one dollar ¹/₂ and eighteen cents.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram.

James Walsh & Son,#5, Wall Street,New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mink.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram.

James Walsh & Son,#5, Wall Street,New York.As a rule, we accept the lowest
and decline the highest bids.E. O. Leech,
Director, Mink.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram.

Sup't. W. S. Mink,Carson City, Nev.Impossible to withdraw tele-
graph bills as your accounts have
been finally settled. Your proper
course is to obey the instructions
of the Department as all the other
mink officers have done, and await
your remedy when matters are finally
settled with the telegraph company.
Letter by mail.E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram.

Sup't. W. S. Mink,Philadelphia, Pa.Overtime will not be allowed.
(Over)

The force is ample to get out the coinage required, ^{and} it must be done. The coinage of dimes should be finished immediately. Letter by mail.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 18, 1890.

Telegram.

Hon. William Windom,

Stevens House,

Norfolk, Connecticut.

Silver offered five hundred ^{and} ninety thousand ounces. Purchased five hundred ^{and} forty thousand ounces as follows: - fifty thousand at one sixteen; two hundred at one eighteen; forty at one eighteen half; fifty at one nineteen half; two hundred at one nineteen three fourths. First two lots were from San Francisco ^{and} not received until an hour after others.

London price one eighteen six, highest point since April seventy-eight.

New York price one nineteen to three-quarters. Have made purchases public.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 18, 1890.

Phoenix Manufacturing Company,

Saunton, Mass.

Gentlemen: -

In reply to your letter of the 15th, instant, you are informed that the awards for crucibles required by

the U. S. Mint at New Orleans during the current fiscal year, have been approved ^{and} the subject will not be re-opened.

Respectfully yours,
C. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of Two Hundred ^{and} Eighty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-One ^{and} $\frac{3}{100}$ Dollars (\$287,641.31), the same being the amount of money now standing to the credit of the Superintendent of said mint with the Assistant Treasurer at New York on account of moneys transferred to him to make payment for silver purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, ^{and} against which sum there are no outstanding checks.

Respectfully yours,
C. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have requested that a trans-

fer be made from the bullion fund of your mint to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of \$287,641.31, the balance to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York of moneys transferred to you to pay for silver bullion purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In examining your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, you have neglected sending the receipts for payments made on Treasury Department purchases by draft on N. Y. Please send same without delay.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 18, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of the 16th., instant relative to the new regulations has been received, and I beg to thank you for the suggestions contained, which will receive due con-

sideration at my hands.

I have not thought it wise to change the schedule of charges at your institution, nor had I contemplated doing so. That portion of the letter was intended to apply mainly to the mint at San Francisco ^{and} the assay office at New York, where the receipts from parting ^{and} refining are not paying the expenses at present.

I shall be pleased to receive any suggestions from the Superintendent, or the Chief Clerk, or any of the officers of the mint, in regard to the revision of the regulations.

Respectfully yours,
O. W. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th., instant relative to the necessity of working over-time in the rolling-room in order to complete the month's allotment of coinage. I would say that I do not consider that the amount of work being turned out at your mint would justify me in authorizing over-time. With the large force employed in the Coiner's department there should not be the slightest difficulty in meeting the requirements of the Treasury Department as to coinage. If the machin-

ery is not sufficient to turn out the necessary amount in eight hours a portion of the force could report after four o'clock, thus utilizing the same machinery ^{and} preventing over-time.

I am ready, as you well know, to procure all the machinery that is necessary for the business of your mint, ^{and} machinery of the very best class. I believe in providing the best tools ^{and} apparatus for Government work, but I do not believe that when there is an excessive force, or a force in excess of the number that can be employed on the machinery, that the proper method of accomplishing work is to employ the force over-time, but to so utilize the force with regard to the hours that they can be used to the best advantage with the machinery you have until additional machinery can be provided.

The demand on the Treasury for dimes has been urgent, ^{and} the Treasurer has brought the matter to my attention almost daily. I must confess that it is a cause of no little mortification to me that I have not been able to meet this demand more promptly. I can see no good reason why it should not be entirely practicable to turn out \$100,000 in dimes in six working days at your mint, ^{and} it should be entirely practicable to turn out \$50,000 in silver dollars, which would make more than the month's quota.

I am very well satisfied that with the energetic attention which you

are giving to this matter the requirements of the Department will be met without overtime. All that is needed is energetic action on the part of the Superintendent.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Sup't. W. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th., instant enclosing a copy of a communication from the Western Union Telegraph Company, requesting that their bills for telegraphic service paid by you be withdrawn, you are respectfully informed that I have submitted the matter to the First Comptroller of the Treasury ^{and} he has decided that it is impracticable to withdraw a bill from your accounts which has been finally settled.

I regret that you have taken the position of disobeying the instructions of your superior officers in regard to depositing in the Treasury the amount paid the telegraph company after October 30, 1889 in excess of the rates authorized by the Postmaster General, under the requirements of law. These rates were to take effect from the 1st. of July, 1889, but the First Comptroller decided that all payments prior to October 30, 1889, at the old rates would be allowed, but none after that date, so that all payments after October 30,

1889, in excess of the rates authorized in the circular of the Postmaster General are illegal.

The fact that you had no knowledge of a change of rates has no bearing whatever on the question. You had the same knowledge that all other disbursing officers had.

You are doubtless aware that the decision of the First Comptroller of the Treasury on all matters of expenditure in your accounts is final, ^{and} however unjust such decision may seem to a disbursing officer the law plainly makes it his duty to conform his actions thereto, ^{and} certain penalties are provided for failure to conform therewith.

[See sections 1766 ^{and} 5492 Revised Statutes]. This duty has been recognized by all the other officers in charge of the mints ^{and} assay offices of the United States, ^{and} by hundreds of disbursing officers throughout the country in the very case of overpayments to the telegraph company under the old circular.

The controversy with the telegraph company as to rates is now pending before the Court of Claims. In the meantime the telegraph company is rendering no accounts to the Government for services.

If they were, the amount could be withheld in the settlement of one of their accounts rendered the Department for payment, ^{and} deposited in the Treasury in your name. Sooner or later these accounts will come before the Department for final settlement, ^{and} some way will be found, it is hoped, to relieve officers in the same position as yourself; but in the meantime

your plain duty is to obey the instructions of the Department ^{and} deposit in the Treasury the amount finally disallowed in the settlement of your accounts, ^{and} render correct statements of your expenditures to the Department.

Respectfully yours,

C. O. Leach,

Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Sup't. W. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th., instant relative to paying for copper from the standard silver dollar appropriation, I would say that I had thought that it would be better to wait until late in the year before using any portion of the standard dollar appropriation for the payment of any supplies, ^{and} in case your regular appropriation for contingent expenses proves insufficient the appropriation could be relieved by transferring bills for copper from your regular appropriation to the standard dollar appropriation, or the "appropriation for coinage of silver bullion, Act July 14, 1890."

You will notice that all the expenditures from your contingent appropriation have not amounted annually to \$80,000, so that I think it better, in order to prevent a further cut in that appropriation, to use it for all legitimate expenses first.

Your requisition for funds has not been approved for the reason that the clerk in charge of the requisitions has been absent from the city, but it was approved to day ^{and} will be hurried through.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.185- per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

On ^{and} after receipt hereof, you will pay for silver in gold deposits, at the rate of \$1.05- per standard ounce.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to the following:-
Assayer U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.
Sup't U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.
Sup't U. S. Assay Office, New York.
Sup't U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev., and

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

August 18, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

James Halsh & Son,	40,000 Ounces,	at \$1.1850
Handy & Harman,	50,000 "	" 1.1950
Gimmerman & Horshay,	2000,000 "	" 1.19750

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Reech,

Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office

Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$2,500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office

during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries,	1891,	\$ 800.
Wages of Workmen,	1891,	1,200.
Contingent Expenses,	1891,	500.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters with the following exceptions
sent to:-

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho:-

+ + + + + + + + +		
for the sum of \$1,069.60,	+ + + + +	
Salaries,	1891,	\$269.60
Wages of Workmen & Contingent		
Expenses,	"	800.00

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa:-

+ + + + + + + + +		
for the sum of \$44,500,	+ + + + +	
Salaries,	1891,	\$ 3,500
Wages of Workmen,	"	40,000
Parting & Refining,	"	1,000

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La:-

+ + + + + + + + +		
for the sum of \$19,700,	+ + + + +	
Salaries,	1891,	\$2,700
Wages of Workmen,	"	12,000
Contingent Expenses,	"	5,000.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev:-

+ + + + + + + + +		
Salaries,	1891,	\$2,500
Wages of Workmen,	"	2,500
Contingent Expenses,	"	1,050
Parting & Refining,	"	3,000
Coinage Silver Dollars,	"	6,000

August 19, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirty-five Thousand, Seven Hundred ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ and Eighteen ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$35,718.95), in Gold Coin and Three Hundred ¹⁸/₁₀₀ and Ninety-four ¹⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$394.18), in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-six Thousand, One Hundred ¹³/₁₀₀ and Thirteen ¹³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$36,113.13), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 5, dated Aug. 15, 1890 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
 E. W. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letter with the following exceptions:-

+ + + + + + + +
 from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-eight ³⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$26,398.38), in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred ⁴³/₁₀₀ and Seven ⁴³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$207.43), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-six Thousand, Six Hundred ⁸¹/₁₀₀ and Five ⁸¹/₁₀₀, being the net value &c., + + + by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at

Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 4
dated August 16, 1890 &c., + + + + +.

August 19, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 4 dated
Aug. 9, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded
by you to the United States Mint at Phila-
delphia, Shipment No. 4, dated Aug. 9,
1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this
Bureau ^{and} the gross value found to be
\$26,670.37; charges \$64.56, ^{and} net value
\$26,605.81. For the latter amount a trans-
fer has been requested from the Bullion
Fund of your Institution to that of the
United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with the following exceptions
sent to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 5, dated
Aug. 15, 1890, + + + + +
Shipment No. 5, (same date), + +
+ + + + + gross value
found to be \$36,202.83; charges \$89.70,
^{and} net value \$36,113.13. For the latter
amount &c., + + + + +.

August 19, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

(next page) —

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
C. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters sent to:-

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Similar letters with the following exceptions sent to:-

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

+ + + + + Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts &c., + +.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

(Same as above).

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + + Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Account &c., + + + + +.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

(Same as above).

August 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 12th, instant you are respectfully informed that disbursements for silver dollar sacks may be made from the silver profit fund.

You are correct in supposing that a separate silver profit fund

account is to be opened for the seigniorage on the coinage under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1890.

Grimmerman & Horshay,
*11, Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of yesterday relative to the purchase of 200,000 ounces of silver, you are informed that the dispatch accepting your offer left this Bureau before 1.30 P. M., and the Treasury telegraph operator was requested to "rush it".

This is not the first complaint we have had in regard to delay in transmitting messages. All offers for the sale of silver on regular purchase days are acted on promptly by this Bureau. The trouble lies with the telegraph company, and only last week I directed their attention to the matter.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1890.

Charles F. Macdonald, Esq.,Supt. Money Order System,Post Office Dept. Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 18th.,
instant you are respectfully informed that
I have no knowledge of any change in the
value of the "Peso" of Chili since Janu-
ary 1, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
C. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your report upon the test ^{and} ex-
amination of weights used at your Mint,
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890,
has been received.

Very respectfully,
C. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assay-
er's report upon assay coins taken
from the first ^{and} two subsequent
deliveries in each week at your
Mint during the Month of June,
1890, ^{and} forwarded for test as pre-

scribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to the following: -

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

August 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts [&] Vouchers, for the Month ending July 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter sent to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

August 20, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: -

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-nine, ⁸⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$40,129.84), in Gold Coin and Ten Hundred and Sev-

enty-nine $\frac{97}{100}$ (\$1,079.07), in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-one Thousand, Two Hundred and Eight $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars (\$41,208.91), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 120, dated Aug. 18th., 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 120, dated Aug. 18, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 120, dated Aug. 14, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$41,302.47; Charges \$93.56, and net value \$41,208.91. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{per} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{per} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury Notes:-

Handy & Harman,	50,000 Ounces, at \$1.1945
Handy & Harman,	100,000 " " 1.2025
Zimmerman & Forshay,	150,000 " " 1.2025
American Exchange National Bank,	150,000 " " 1.20

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

I will thank you to forward your Annual Tabulated Statement of expenditures (for the fiscal year 1891), at as early a date as practicable after rendering your final account current for the (fiscal) year (1890).

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter with exceptions as noted above in parenthesis, sent to:-

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram.

W. D. Wheeler,
Helena, Montana.

August 20, 1890.

Commission received. Date sixteenth instant. Prepare ^{and} forward bond at once. Commission will be sent to W.D. to deliver on approval of bond.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

August 20, 1890.

Confirmed.

Your second offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegram.

Gimmerman & Horshay,
*11, Wall Street,
New York.

August 20, 1890.

Confirmed.

Your offer of one hundred ^{and} fifty thousand ounces at one dollar twenty ^{and} one-fourth cents, accepted.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegram.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

August 20, 1890.

Confirmed.

Your offer of one hundred ^{and} fifty thousand ounces of silver at one dollar ^{and} twenty cents per ounce, accepted.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 20, 1890.

Telegram.

C. H. Kaufman,
San Francisco, Cal.Your offer of sixteen thousand ounces
at one dollar, nineteen ^{and} seven eighths cents,
Confirmed. accepted.E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Telegram.

J. S. Doe,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: -

Confirmed.

Kohn, Poper & Company, New York.

Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co., Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Grimmerman & Forshay, *1, Wall Street, New York.

Telegram.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
*29, Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to: -

Confirmed.

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
*20, Nassau Street, New York.

Telegram.

Handy & Harman,
*24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed.

Both of your offers accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 20, 1890.

Telegram.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from C. H. Kaufman sixteen thousand ounces at one dollar, nineteen ^{and} seven eighths cents.

Confirmed.

E. O. Leach,
Director, Mint.

August 20, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of yesterday, relative to utilizing the force of the Coiner's department to the best advantage, I beg to thank you for your prompt ^{and} efficient attention to my recommendations in the matter.

I am very well satisfied that with your energetic assistance there will be no difficulty in getting out the coinage without working over-time.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

August 20, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your esteemed favor of the 19th., inst., relative to the space required for the storage of silver bars, has been received, ^{and} I beg to thank you for the same.

I do not see any necessity of piling

bars by sellers lots. The bars will be piled with the exact weight (after the chip has been cut off for assay) ^{and} fineness stamped on them, ^{and} the most economical form of piling, so far as the utilization of space is concerned, will be adopted.

Before you are embarrassed in regard to space I hope to be able to be in Philadelphia ^{and} confer with you in regard to the matter of storing these bars.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 20, 1890.

Alfred Doten, Esq.,

Virginia City, Nev.

Sir:-

I have to day approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for adjustment ^{and} settlement, your bill amounting to \$100.⁰⁰ for services rendered in connection with the compilation of statistics of the production of the Comstock lode from its discovery to January 1, 1890. A draft for the amount will be mailed you in due course of Departmental business.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

I have approved ^{and} referred to the

proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department, for stationery shipped you on the 15th., ultimo, amounting to \$19.81, payable from the appropriation for Wages ^{and} Contingent Expenses of your Office, fiscal year 1891.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, sent to:
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

+ + + + +
- a bill of the "Idaho Statesman", of Boise City, Idaho, for advertising proposals for supplies, amounting to \$4.80, + + + +.

August 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

Herewith returned please find two bills of the Independent Publishing Co., for subcin., to the "Daily Independent" for two years, from July 1st., 1888 to June 30th., 1890. You will observe that you have omitted signing same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 20, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:-

Herewith please find bond ^{and} affida-

vin of surety, of Levi R. Cowperthwaite, as Cashier of your Mint, which are returned for correction^{and} completion.

The indemnity clause must be made in favor of the United States instead of yourself^{and} the affidavits of surety must have the certificate of an officer of a Court of record, ^{and} under seal, that the Notary before whom the papers are executed is a duly commissioned Notary Public at the time.

I enclose herewith a few blanks of the approved form of bond now in use in the Department, which I will thank you to cause to be used in making the new bond. Especial attention is invited to the footnotes of this blank.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

August 20, 1890.

Elbert D. Weed, Esq.,

U. S. District Attorney,

Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find a commission from the President of the United States appointing Wm. D. Wheeler to be Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana.

You will please hold this commission until the receipt^{and} approval by this department of an official bond which Mr. Wheeler has been instructed to execute.

Upon the approval of

his bond I will telegraph you ^{and} request you to deliver him his commission.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

I have received the commission of Wm. D. Wheeler to be Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, in your stead.

In case his bond is approved in time it is intended that he will take charge of the office on the morning of the first of September, ^{and} you will be informed by telegraph when to turn the office over to him.

Preparatory thereto you will close your institution to the receipt of deposits at the close of business on Thursday the 28th, instant ^{and} ship to the Mint at Philadelphia all the gold ^{and} silver bullion in your possession, closing out your gold ^{and} silver bullion accounts.

You will draw your check for the balance remaining to your credit with the First National Bank in Helena in favor of the bank to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in general account ^{and} the same on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for your balance there. The bank ^{and} Assistant Treasurer will issue in triplicate certificates of deposit in your favor as a "transfer of funds being on account

of your disbursing balances" and the bank and assistant treasurer will forward the original certificate to the Treasurer of the United States.

You will file the duplicate with your accounts and retain the triplicate.

When the memorandum giving the value of your last shipment to the mint is received by this bureau, the balance due the Treasurer, belonging to your bullion fund, will be covered into the Treasury here, and you be given credit, and the difference, which will represent the amount of your profits and charges, will be covered into the Treasury to your personal credit as "charges and profits."

As soon as you receive information as to the value allowed on the last shipment you will prepare and forward your bullion accounts embracing this transfer and these certificates of deposit in your final accounts, and you will also render to the Treasurer of the United States a transcript showing that all the money advanced you as a bullion fund has been deposited in the Treasury.

If you will strictly observe these directions you will have no difficulty in the final settlement of your accounts.

You will pay the force the wages for the month of August and the bills for all legitimate expenses incurred by you, and at the close of business on Saturday the 30th, instant you will deposit the balance of funds advanced you from appropriations and forward the original certificates to this bureau.

Any change in your possession belonging to your Bullion fund you will deposit in bank before drawing your check so that the check may include the change.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 21, 1890.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Prepare shipment of silver for transfer to New Orleans Mint, approximating five-hundred-thousand fine ounces.

Make arrangements with United States Express Company for immediate delivery.

Any fine silver bars will answer the purpose but the transfer will be credited in your account of silver purchases under the new law, ^{and} transferred at the rate paid for silver since the thirteenth instant.

Transfer order will be drawn on receipt of your statement of ounces ^{and} cost.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 21, 1890.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Advance approximate value with-in reasonable safety on Treasury purchases of silver bullion as fast as bars of well known refiners are received, as directed by circular of first instant,

on account of stringency in money market.

Accommodate sellers of large lots of silver as far as practicable with due regard to safety of Government.

E. O. Leach,
Director, Mint.

August 21, 1890.

Telegram.

Gimmeryman & Horshay,
Hall Street, New York.

Have instructed Superintendent of Mint to make advances on bars of well known refiners, as soon as received.

E. O. Leach,
Director, Mint.

August 21, 1890.

Telegram.

W. Louiza & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed Your offer of yesterday accepted for fifty-thousand ounces.

E. O. Leach,
Director, Mint.

August 21, 1890.

Telegram.

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed Receive from W. Louiza & Co., an offer of yesterday, fifty-thousand ounces fine silver, crude, dore, at one dollar and twenty cents per ounce.

E. O. Leach,
Director, Mint.

August 21, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Reech,

Director.

Similar letter sent to:-

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Similar letter with the following exceptions,
 sent to:-

Supt., U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + + your Supplemental Ordinary account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890 &c. + +.

August 21, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the month ending June 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Reech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters with the following exceptions:-

+ + + + + of the
Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office
at St. Louis, Mo., + + + + +.

+ + + + + the
Supplemental Ordinary account of the Sup't.
of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the
fiscal year ending June 30th., 1890, + +.

August 21, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your Tabulated Statement of Expenditures
for the fiscal year 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

August 21, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Herewith enclosed please find the
duplicate receipts, dated June 3 & 5, 1890,
for 57,285.39 & 17,717.74 Dollars, respectively,
for silver purchased by the Treasury Depart-
ment ^{and} signed by Messrs Wandy & Harman.

Please send the original receipts. —

Also returned for signature, receipt dated
Apr., 15, - 90, for \$38,644.54, purchase of
the Am'n. Ex. Nat'l. Bank, N. Y.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

August 21, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Please send statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890.
 Also for the last fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach,
 Director.

August 21, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have to day approved ^{and} referred to the First Auditor for examination ^{and} settlement your bill of the 2nd., instant, amounting to \$294.¹⁶, for the manufacture of ten pairs standard Silver Dollar, ^{and} two pairs Eagle, dies, for the use of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans. The amount will be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the following appropriations of your Mint:-

Wages of Workmen,	1891,	\$281.92
Contingent Expenses,	"	12.24

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach,
 Director.

August 21, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I have approved ^{and} referred to the First Auditor for examination ^{and} settlement

a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to \$294.16, for the manufacture of ten pairs of Standard Silver Dollar, ^{and} two pairs of Eagle, dies, for the use of your Mint, payable as follows: - \$255.80 from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, (\$245.60, on account of wages of workmen ^{and} \$10.20 for Contingent Expenses) ^{and} the remainder from your appropriations fiscal year 1891, as follows: -

Wages of Workmen,	1891,	\$36.32
Contingent Expenses,	"	2.04

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

August 21, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.
Sir: -

C. D. No. 60, for \$40.38, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890, enclosed in your communication of the 31st, ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, - personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

Similar letter with the following exceptions, sent to: -
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana. -

- C. D. No. 317, for \$40.00, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Wages of Workmen, of your Office, fiscal year 1890, enclosed in your communication of the 30th., of June re.,
+ + + + + + + + + + .

August 21, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 15th., inst., appointing C. E. Starratt as a helper in your Mint, vice Earnest Christian, promoted, to take effect from the date of your letter, your attention is directed to Article 23, of the Regulations, which provides:-

"Appointments ^{and} changes of all kinds in the personnel, duties, ^{and} compensation shall not be made to take effect, nor oaths of office be subscribed, until notice has been received of the approval of the appointment or change."

This regulation has been repeatedly disregarded by you in making appointments ^{and} changes in your Mint. In order not to embarrass you in the settlement of your accounts I have not held you to strict compliance with this regulation, but hereafter appointments or promotions made to take effect at a date previous to my action upon them will be disapproved.

I see no necessity for increasing the force of your Mint as there has been no increase in the business to justify it, ^{and} especially in view of your reduced appropriations.

- While I am willing to

recommend advances to you from the appropriations contained in the Acts of February 28, 1878, ^{and} July 14, 1890, to supplement your regular appropriations, I do not consider it proper to use these appropriations for the purpose of increasing the force or expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

August 21, 1890.

John H. Hopken, Esq.
#380, Bergen Ave.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 20th., inst., relative to designs for coins, I would say that no bill authorizing new designs has passed Congress, ^{and} of course, nothing can be done in the matter until a law is passed on the subject.

If a law should be passed, due notice will be given to the public in regard to the action of the Department in the matter.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I telegraphed you to day to prepare for shipment ^{and} transfer to the Mint at

New Orleans an invoice of fine silver bars, approximating 500,000 fine ounces.

In order to complete the coinage made mandatory by the Act of July 14, 1890, it is necessary that I should have a stock of silver at New Orleans. So far I have not been able to purchase for the mint any considerable stock under the new law ^{and} hence the purpose of this shipment.

The bars shipped, of course, will be selected by you from any silver in your mint which may be most convenient for shipment. The transfer, however, will be of silver purchased under the new law since the 13th, inst., so that in reckoning its cost you will consider only the silver purchased under the new law.

When I receive notice of the quantity of silver ^{and} its cost contained in the shipment, I will have the transfer order drawn, ^{and} you will credit the transfer in your "silver bullion purchase account, Act of July 14, 1890."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

August 22, 1890.

Telegram Zimmerman & Gorshay,
*11, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed — Impracticable ^{and} illegal. I have no authority over Assistant Treasurer. Silver purchases will be paid for only on delivery at mint.

E. O. Leach,
Director, Mint.

August 22, 1890.

Telegram. Boston^{2d} Colo. Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed. — Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:—

J & W. Seligman & Co. } Messlage, Colgate & Co.

Wells, Fargo & Co. } M. M. Tompkins, San Fran. Cal.

Similar with the following exceptions, sent to:—

Wandy & Harman: — All your offer declined.

Gummerman & Forshay: " " "

— no further offers will be considered to day.

August 22, 1890.

Telegram. Con. Kans. City Smg. & Refg. Co.,
#20, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:—

Confirmed. Boston^{2d} Colo. Smelting Co.,

August 22, 1890.

Telegram. Hon. Hon. Windom,
57th. Ave., Hotel, New York.

— Silver offered, one million, five-hundred thousand ounces. Purchased—three-hundred-fifty-thousand, as follows:—one-hundred at one nineteen, three; one-hundred at one nineteen, four; one-hundred^{2d} fifty at one nineteen, half.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 22, 1890.

Telegram. Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed. — Discrepancy of three-thousand ounces between fine weight ^{and} standard weight of silver for New Orleans, as per telegrams of yesterday ^{and} to day. Which is right?

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 22, 1890.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

— Agent of United States Express Company here has written Philadelphia agent to make shipment of silver bullion to-morrow morning.

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

August 22, 1890.

Telegram American Exchange Nat'l. Bank.
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer of one-hundred-thous-
 and at one-nineteen, forty, ^{and} one-hundred-
 thousand at one-nineteen, fifty, accepted.
 Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 22, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the de-

partment for examination ^{and} settlement, your Supplemental Ordinary account for the fiscal year ending June 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters with following exceptions, sent to: -
Assayer, St. Louis ^{and} Assayer, Minn., Denver.

+ + + + + Bullion accounts
+ + + + + for the quar-
ter ending June 30, &c., + + + +.

August 22, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: -

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution, as follows: -
\$20,000 with Assistant Treasurer U. S., at New York
and \$5,000 with Commercial Nat'l. Bank, Charlotte.

Respectfully Yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with following exceptions: -
+ + + + + Boise City
be increased in the sum of Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), + + + + +
- Assistant Treas. U. S., at New York.

August 22, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
 E. D. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with following exceptions, sent to:-
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte:-

+ + + + + Twenty-five
 Thousand Dollars ^{and} that \$20,000 +
 + + be placed to your credit with
 the Assistant Treas. U. S. at New York ^{and}
 balance (\$5,000) with Commercial Nat'l.
 Bank, Charlotte.

August 22, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, to that of the Mint at New Orleans, of the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-nine ^{and} $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars (\$625,689.43), payable in 603, 284.22 ounces, standard silver bullion; charges for transportation to be paid from the

silver profit fund.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Mint of the sum of \$625,689.73, payable in 603,284.22 ounces standard silver bullion; charges for transportation to be paid from the silver profit fund accruing from the coinage of silver dollars under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:-
American Ex. Nat. L. Bank, 100,000 ounces at \$4.193.

American Ex. Natl. Bank, 100,000 ounces at \$1.194.

" " " " 100,000 " " 1.195.
Cons'd. Kans. City S. & R. Co., 50,000 ounces at 1.195.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with following exception, sent to: -

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

+ + + + +
Boston & Colo. Smelting Co., 75,000 ounces, at \$1.1950

August 22, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department,

Sir: -

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis Mo., for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Two (2) similar letters with following exceptions; to same address: -

+ + + + + Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., &c., + + +.

+ + + + + Supplemental Ordinary accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo., for the fiscal year ending June 30th., 1890. &c., + + + + +

August 22, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir: -

C. O. No. 8431, for \$6.60⁰⁰, being on account of unexpended balance of Appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1890, enclosed in your communication of the 18th., instant, has been received, properly endorsed ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the above appropriation, as a repayment.

Very respectfully,
 E. C. Leach,

Director.

Similar letter with following exceptions, sent to: -
Sup't. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

- C. O. No. 775-2, for \$125,000.00, being on account of Minor Coinage Profits, inclosed in your communication of the 19th. inst., + + + + +
 - personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as Profits on Minor Coinage.

August 22, 1890.

Henry Groemmer, Esq.,
410, Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

In reply to your letter of the 21st., instant relative to weights for the Denver Mint, you will please ship them by ex-

press.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Your dispatch of this morning as received at this Bureau gave the standard weight of silver for shipment to New Orleans as 600, 284. 22, when according to the fine weight given in your letter it should have been 603, 284. 22, a difference of 3,000 ounces. - This will explain the reason of my telegram.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir: -

You will see by letter of current date that I have transferred from the Mint at Philadelphia to your institution something over 500,000 ounces of silver, purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, in order that you may have a stock of silver bullion on hand for the mandatory coinage required by that act. - This silver will be entered in your "Silver bullion purchase account, Act of July 14, 1890."

I presume you understand that a separate silver profit fund account will be kept, entitled "silver profit fund, Act July 14, 1890" in which the profits on the coinage under the new act will be entered. — The cost of transportation on this shipment will be paid from this fund.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 22, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir: -

Referring to your letter of the 19th, inst., relative to the retention of Article 3 of the regulations, I beg to direct your attention to "section 3545, R. S." referring to the bullion fund, which says: -

"out of which those who bring bullion to the said mints or assay office may be paid the value thereof, in coin or bars, as soon as practicable after the value has been ascertained."

It seems to me that this section, providing for the prompt payment of deposits, taken in conjunction with sections 3521, 3522, 3523, 3524 ~~and~~ 3526, which determine the methods of ascertaining the value, clearly indicate that it was the intention of the law to provide that depositors need not wait until their identical bullion had been made into coin or bars, but could be paid the value of

it as soon as that value was legally ascertained.

To say that they can be paid the value of it or a portion of the value before it has been legally ascertained, that is, before the assayer has made his report as to the amount of gold contained, seems to me to be an evasion of the law. However, I am disposed to yield any doubt in favor of the depositor, ^{and} I will thank you to draft Article 3 in such a way as to cover any case of gold deposit where you think the Government could legally make a payment before the value had been finally determined.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir: -

Referring to the two drafts of Section 10 of Article 4 of the regulations which you submitted, the first of which I agreed with you is preferable, it has occurred to me that it might be better, in view of the last paragraph in Section 35-19, U. S. to frame a regulation something like this, in lieu of the one which you proposed.

"In cases where gold ^{and} silver are combined, if either metal be in such small proportion that it cannot be separated advantageously, no allowance shall be made to the depositor

for its value, but wherever the character of the bullion is such as to require the parting operation the charge shall be imposed ^{and} the depositor credited with the value of the parted metal."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 23, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:-

Your bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890, are herewith returned for correction + as indicated in pencil. — Please forward corrected ^{and} return the original accounts, without delay.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 23, 1890.

Hon. Wm. Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-six Thousand and One Hundred Fifty, $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars (\$46,150.55) in Gold Coin, ^{and} Five Hundred ^{and} Forty-one $\frac{97}{100}$ (\$541.97), in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-six Thousand Six Hundred ^{and} Ninety-two, $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars (\$46,692.52), being the net

Disputed
Confirmed

value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 3, dated August 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 23, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 3, dated Aug. 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3, dated August 16, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be \$46,808. $\frac{94}{100}$, charges \$116. $\frac{42}{100}$, and net value \$46,692. $\frac{52}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 23, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed. — Rate for silver purchased from American Exchange National Bank, August Twentieth was one dollar and twenty cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

The requisition for your refinery expenses was made separate from your regular requisition and a draft for the amount will probably reach you in a day or two.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I return herewith your statement of silver delivered by the American Exchange National Bank on their sale of the 20th., instant. The amount purchased from them on that day was, 160,000 ounces at \$1.20 per ounce fine. It is preferable that the statement should embrace the entire amount delivered on the sale.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I enclose herewith duplicate P/O. No. 1321, for \$287,641.31, the same being a transfer of funds from your bullion accounts to the Treasurer of the United States. This amount is the balance to your credit with

the Assistant Treasurer at New York, of moneys transferred to you to pay for silver purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully Yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1890.

Alfred Doten, Esq.,
Virginia City, Nev.

Sir:-

I have received your communication of the 17th, inst., enclosing a corrected statement of the product of the Comstock Lode.

I approved your bill for the amount recommended by the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City.

I had very serious doubts as to the propriety of approving any further payment to you as the first statements which you furnished ^{me} for which you were paid, were erroneous ^{and} have subjected the reports of the bureau to criticism.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

August 23, 1890.

Hon. J. V. McDuffie,
House of Representatives.

Sir:-

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 22nd, inst., ^{and} the enclosure from Judge Craig, recommending Miss Thompson for appointment as an adjuster in the Mint at New Orleans, I have to say that I have referred the communi-

cations to the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans for his consideration.

For your information I would say that appointments in the mint service are vested by law in the Superintendents of the various mints.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1890.

Prof. W. Eisen,

218, Fremont St., Chicago, Ills.

Sir: -

Referring to your letter of the 20th., relative to designs for coins, I would say that no bill authorizing new designs has passed Congress, ^{and} of course, nothing can be done in the matter until a law is passed on the subject.

— If a law should be passed due notice will be given to the public in regard to the action of the Department in the matter.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named,

which you will receive $\frac{2}{3}$ pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

Neslage, Colgate & Co., 50,000 ounces, at \$1.1950.

Handy & Harman, 50,000 " " 1.1950.

" " " 100,000 " " 1.1974.

" " " 60,000 " " 1.1975.

M. Gernsheim & Co., 100,000 " " 1.1950.

Consl. Trans. City S & R Co., 50,000 " " 1.1975.

J. & W. Seligman & Co., 40,000 " " 1.1975.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1890.

Telegram. Supt. U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nevada.

— Furnish R. P. Rothwell, in charge of Census work, any information in regard to bullion receipts which he may need, if he visits Carson.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

August 25, 1890.

Telegram.

R. P. Rothwell,

San Francisco, Cal.

— You are authorized to obtain any information from Carson Mint, that you require for Census work. Show this dispatch as your authority. — Have telegraphed

Superintendent Mint, Carson.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

August 25, 1890.

Telegram.

O. H. La Grange,
"13, W. 46th Street, New York.

— I have to day approved the appointment of Frank Lavine as Workman in Coiner's Department, San Francisco Mint, at four dollars a day.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Telegram.

Neslage, Colgate & Co.,
"29, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to the following: —
J. & W. Seligman & Co., New York.

Telegram.

Grimmerman & Forshay,
"11, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Confirmed.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —
Bank of California, San Francisco, Cal.
American Ex. Natl. Bank, New York.
J. Walsh & Son, "5, Wall Street, New York.

Telegram.

Handy & Harman,
"24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offers of fifty thousand at one nineteen ^{and} one-half — one hundred thousand and at one nineteen seventy-four ^{and} of sixty

thousand at one nineteen three-fourths, accepted.
Other declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 25, 1890.

Telegram.

M. Gernsheim & Co.,

#10, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted. Silver will be paid for by draft on New York as soon as received at Philadelphia Mint.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 25, 1890.

Telegram.

Consolidated Kansas City S. & R. Co.,

#20, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer of fifty thousand, at one nineteen and three-fourths accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 26, 1890.

American Exchange National Bank,

New York.

Gentlemen: —

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia advises me under date of the 23rd., that you invoiced your sale of August 20, at \$1.19 $\frac{3}{4}$. According to our records and your telegram your offer was 150,000 ounces at \$1.20, which was accepted and the Superintendent of the Mint notified to receive and pay for the same at that rate. I will thank you to inform me how you came to make this mistake

as to price.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint

August 25, 1890.

A. W. Smyth, Esq.,
Super. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Sir: -

Referring to your telegram of the 23rd. instant giving the local purchases of silver, you are informed that it is unnecessary for you to telegraph the amount purchased from the 1st. to the 12th. instant, but simply the total purchased from the 13th., under the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mints.

August 25, 1890.

Thomas Jordan, Esq.,
Editor Mining Record,
*61, Broadway, New York.

Sir: -

In reply to your letter of the 23rd., instant, you are informed that the number of standard silver dollars struck under the Act of February 28, 1878, to August 12, 1890, was 372,228,466. I will add for your information that the balance of uncoined bullion purchased under the Act of Feb. 28, 1878, on hand Aug. 13, 1890, will be converted into silver dollars as speedily as practicable, in addition to the mandatory coinage under the present law.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1890.

W. Gernsheim & Co.,
New York.

Gentlemen: -

Enclosed herewith I send you a circular in regard to the purchase of silver bullion.

All silver purchased will be paid for promptly on delivery at the mint. Approximate value will be paid immediately on the receipt of bars of well known refiners.

Offers on any other conditions will not be considered.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir: -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts with Abstracts and vouchers, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 25, 1890.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Sir: -

I have to acknowledge the receipt

of your fabricated Statement of Expenditures for the six months ^{and} fiscal year ending June 30th, last.

I will thank you to forward your account of disbursements on account of statistical expenses at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

August 25, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir: -

Enclosed herewith please find Department circular No. 43, publishing telegraphic rates as fixed by the Postmaster General for the current fiscal year.

You will observe that the rates are the same as for the year just closed.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters sent to the following: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Superintendent U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

August 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Your Cashier's Daily Statement for the 9th, instant has not been received at this Bureau. I will thank you to forward the same.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir: -

I enclose herewith the account of Henry Froemmer receipted in duplicate, amounting to \$24. for the set of weights forwarded to your mint by express. Upon receipt of the weights, you will forward Mr. Froemmer a draft for the amount. The old set of weights you have on hand you can ship to Mr. Froemmer, who will adjust ^{and} return the same to you.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

Referring to my letter of even date, approving the transfer ^{and} promotion

of Jos. A. Hammill to the position of "Whitener" in the Coiner's department of your Mint, I will thank you to advise me whether the person originally appointed under the name of "John Hamill", and this person are the same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 25, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

Referring to your letter of the 19th, instant asking for 400 additional copies of my report on the production of the precious metals, 1889, I beg to say that the edition of this report was exhausted within a few weeks after it was printed, ^{and} for the last month I have not had a copy for distribution.

A resolution, however, to print 1000 additional copies has passed the Senate ^{and} the House. As soon as the copies ordered under this resolution are received from the printer I will send you, say, 100, but I do not think it will be possible to spare more than that number.

The original resolution as introduced in the Senate called for 2000 copies but it was cut down to 1000. I think it was a mistake as good use could have been made of 2000 additional copies. However, I will do the best in my power to supply the demands

on your coast.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 26, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

Your esteemed favor of the 18th. inst., relative to reporting the price of silver, has been received, ^{and} I appreciate the difficulties under which you labor.

I had thought that it would be well to have the price of silver in London, in New York ^{and} San Francisco on each purchase day, as the time may come when it will be valuable; at any rate we would have a record of it.

I thought that before the close of business you might send to a few firms like Thomas Price, Selby, ^{and} the Bank of California, ^{and} ascertain what they were paying for silver or what was being asked them for it, ^{and} in that way give me some sort of an idea of the actual price of silver in your city on that day. If it were possible to do so it would be very much better for you to give me the price on each purchase day, Monday, Wednesday ^{and} Friday, but to be of any value to me the dispatch would have to leave San Francisco by 9 o'clock or a little after in the morning. I had not thought this practicable so I instructed you to report the price

on the evening preceding.

After the present speculation in silver has subsided the time may come when there will be considerable difference in the actual price of silver in San Francisco ^{and} in the East, ^{and} the quotations may be valuable at that time.

So far they have been of no special value as the purchases have been based almost exclusively upon the New York price, ^{and} I have paid very liberal prices for all the silver purchased under the present law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 26, 1890.

The Queber Watch Case Mfg. Co.,
Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen: -

Replying to your letter of the 23rd., instant I would say that the edition of the report of the Director of the Mint, on the production of the precious metals, 1889, is exhausted.

A resolution, however, to print 1000 additional copies of this report has passed Congress, ^{and} as soon as they are received from the printer, a copy will be sent you.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1890.

Chas. S. Platt, Esq.,*4, Liberty Place, New York.

Dear Sir: -

Replying to your note of yesterday I would say that it is very doubtful when I will be in New York as the execution of this new silver law keeps me here.

When I come to New York, however, I will let you know in advance.

I would be pleased to see you at my office at any time if you should visit Washington.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1890.

Thos. W. Crider, Esq.,Acting Chief Clerk,Department of State.

Sir: -

I send you herewith six copies of the report of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1889. The edition of the report on the production of the precious metals, 1889, is exhausted.

A resolution, however, to print 1000 additional copies of this report has passed Congress, and as soon as they are received from the printer your request will be complied with.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1890.

Charles Scribner's Sons,#743, Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen. -

Replying to your letter of the 25th, inst., requesting a copy of the new silver law, I would say that no copies have been furnished this Department for distribution.

Your request will doubtless be complied with upon application to a member of Congress or a senator.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1890.

Miss Florence Hosmer,#1512, Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Hosmer: -

Replying to your letter of the 25th, inst., I would say that appointments in the mint at Philadelphia are made by the Superintendent to whom I have already recommended you in the strongest terms, which is all that I can possibly do, ^{and} more than I have done in any except a few cases.

I would say, however, that there have been only one or two ladies appointed in that mint in a number of months, owing to the fact that the force is excessive, ^{and} that the Superintendent can only make appointments as vacancies occur.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

Sir: -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Supplemental Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts ^{and} Vouchers, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

August 26, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Please forward your statements of Domestic Production, Deposits ^{and} Purchases ^{and} Bars manufactured during the month of July, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to: -

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

August, 26, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir: -

C. O. No. 663, for \$924.10, being on account of unexpended balances of Appropriations for Wages of Workmen ^{and} Contingent Expenses of your office, fiscal year 1890, enclosed in your communication of the 25th., instant, has

been received, properly endorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, - personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriations as follows: - Wages of Workmen \$491.50, Contingent Expenses \$132.60.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

August 26, 1890.

Hon. Joseph McKenna,
House of Representatives.

Dear Mac: -

I have numerous requests for copies of the new silver bill (Public No. 241).

No copies have been furnished me for distribution ^{and} if it is possible I would be pleased if you would procure, say, 20 or 30 copies from the House Document room ^{and} send them to me.

Yours truly,
E. O. Leach,
Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1890.

Heidelbach, Eckelheimer ^{and} Co.,
P. O. Box 2854, New York.

Gentlemen: -

Replying to your letter of yesterday, requesting six copies of the new silver law, I would say that no copies have been furnished this bureau for distribution, but I send you one copy of my

own.

You will have to apply to some member of Congress or senator, I presume, in order to get additional copies.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 26, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir: -

Replying to your letter of yesterday you are authorized to purchase a Hammond Typewriter for \$86.50, which I believe is the price charged the Government.

We have one in this office ^{and} I think it a very excellent machine.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 27, 1890.

Telegram. American Exchange Nat'l. Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offers of thirty-eight thousand ^{and} fifty thousand at one nineteen, of fifty thousand ^{and} fifteen thousand at one nineteen ^{and} one-eighth, ^{and} of fifty thousand at one nineteen ^{and} one-fourth, accepted.

Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 27, 1890.

Telegram. Wand ^{and} Harman,
#24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer accepted.

(over)

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.*Similar telegrams sent to the following: -**N. Torrance, #50, Wall Street, New York.**Nesslage, Colgate & Co., #29, Wall St., New York.*

August 27, 1890.

*Telegram. Zimmerman & Forchay,**#11, Wall Street, New York.**- Your offer declined.*

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.*Similar telegrams sent to the following: -**J. & S. Wormser, New York.**Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, Cal.**Jas. Walsh & Son, #5, Wall Street, New York.**Kohn, Popper & Co., #66, Broadway, New York.**L. Von Hoffman & Co., New York.**Conrad's Trans. City & R. Co., New York.*

August 27, 1890.

Brainard Kingsley, Esq.,Danville, Ills.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 21st. inst., relative to designs for coins, I would say that no bill authorizing new designs has passed Congress, and of course, nothing can be done in the matter until a law is passed on the subject.

If a law should be passed due notice will be given the public in regard to the action of the Department in the matter.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

If you have any suggestions to make in regard to changes in the regulations may I ask you to submit them by the end of this month, if entirely convenient.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

August 27, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I return herewith memorandum of shipment No. 5, of gold bullion from Helena Assay Office, for correction.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I will thank you to make a careful examination, and inform me by the close of the present month, how many silver dollars you can coin with your present machinery and present force, without working overtime, during the month of September, and what amount of dimes, in addition to the dollar coinage, in case I should find it necessary to make you

an allotment of the latter pieces.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Your esteemed favor of the 26th, inst., submitting a review of the operations of your mint during the last fiscal year, ^{and} the improvements in building ^{and} plant, has been received, ^{and} I beg to thank you for the same.

I had thought of introducing somewhere in my report, either under the heading of your mint, or possibly under the heading of "legislation requested," something in regard to a new building, - what had been done ^{and} what should be done. In this way it will direct public attention to the matter ^{and} will be something on which to base Congressional action.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir: -

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter with following exceptions, addressed to:—

— + + + + + + +
 your Supplemental Ordinary accounts for the
 fiscal year ending June 30th., 1890, + + +.

August 27, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department,

Sir:—

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with following exceptions, to same:—

— + + + + the Supplemental Ordinary accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, + + + + +.

August 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:—

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the

following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|----|-----------|
| Nesslage, Colgate & Co., | 75,000 | Ounces, | at | \$1.1925. |
| N. Torrance, | 100,000 | " | " | 1.1925. |
| Wandy & Harman, | 50,000 | " | " | 1.19 |
| " " " | 50,000 | " | " | 1.19125. |
| " " " | 100,000 | " | " | 1.1925 |

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with following exceptions, to same:—

| | — | + | + | + | + | + | + |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|----|----------|---|---|---|
| American Ex. Natl. Bank, | 38,000 | Ounces, | at | \$1.19 | | | |
| Do. | 50,000 | " | " | 1.19 | | | |
| Do. | 50,000 | " | " | 1.19125. | | | |
| Do. | 15,000 | " | " | 1.19125. | | | |
| Do. | 50,000 | " | " | 1.1925. | | | |

August 27, 1890.

American Exchange Natl. Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen:—

Referring to your request that replies to your offers of silver should be sent by the Postal Telegraph Company, I have to state that the same will be complied with, but to day I was informed by the telegraph operator of the department that she could not get the Postal wire to take the dispatches as soon as they were delivered. The reply was therefore sent to day by the Western Union.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1890.

Messers Zimmerman ^{and} Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Gentlemen: -

In reply to your letter of the 26th.,
 instant, you are informed that replies to
 your telegrams will, as requested by you, be
 sent by the Postal Telegraph Cable Company.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1890.

Messers Piza, Nephews ^{and} Co.,
18th 20, Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen: -

In reply to your letter of the
 26th., instant, you are informed that
 silver bars under .899 will be accepted
 at the Mint on purchases of silver Bullion,
 subject to the usual mint charges.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1890.

Messers Handy ^{and} Harman,
24, Nassau St., New York.

Gentlemen: -

I beg to direct your attention
 to the fact that your telegrams offering
 silver for sale to the Government, are
 uniformly received after the hour at
 which bids are opened. Your dispatch
 of to-day did not reach the Bureau until 1.15,
 after I had listed ^{and} presented the bids for

the consideration of the Secretary of the Treasury.
 I have not enforced the rule strictly against your firm, requiring that the bids should be received by one o'clock, but if it is entirely convenient, I would suggest hereafter that you send them a little earlier so that they can be listed with the other bids before I take the book to the Secretary.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

August 28, 1890.

Telegram. Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

— Telegraph Treasurer at close of business Saturday total amount of checks drawn this month payable in Treasury notes.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " " Philadelphia, Pa.

August 28, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir: —

Please send without delay, your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

August 28, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana,

Sir:—

Your Statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures
 for the Fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, is
 returned for correction.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters with following exceptions, sent to:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

— + + + + +

Please make corrections ^{and} return with-
 out delay.

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

— + + + for the quarter & Fiscal year ^{re.}

Please send corrected statements
 without delay ^{and} return the originals.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

— + + + + for the

quarter ending March 31st, ^{and} June 30th.,
 1890, + + + as indicated in

pencil. Please forward by return
 mail corrected, also the original State-
 ments herewith enclosed.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

— + + + + for the quarters

of Sept., 30, Dec., 31, 1889, June 30, 1890 ^{and}
 for the year, are returned ^{re.} +

As you have divided the contingent
 expenses in two of the quarters, showing
 how much has been expended in Repairs

of building etc., to check the yearly statement, you will have to make the changes as indicated in pencil, which you will please do, ^{and} return corrected ^{and} the original statements without delay.

August 28, 1890.

Hon. William Windom.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the First National ^{and} Denver National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter with following exceptions, addressed to same:-

- + + + + + + +
at Philadelphia + + + + + Two
Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). by a transfer of
that amount in Treasury Notes + + +
+ of the Superintendent of said institution
with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at
New York ^{and} that he be advised of the credit
by telegraph.

August 28, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have requested that the Bullion Fund

of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), ^{and} that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter with following exceptions, sent to. -
Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

- + + + + +
+ of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), + + + + with the First National ^{and} Denver National Banks, Denver, Colo.

August 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Referring to my dispatch of to day directing you to receive 35,000 ounces additional from the American Exchange National Bank at \$1.19 1/8, I would state that the bank claims that the telegram received by this Bureau reading 15,000 ounces, should have read 50,000 ounces, ^{and} inasmuch as they have already delivered the silver it was decided to accept the same.

You were therefore instructed accordingly by telegram.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.Carson City, Nevada.

Sir: -

In future please enclose in your Bullion accounts, a statement of the special warrants paid, - acct, Silver Profit Fund.

Condense the work on your abstract sheets, it is not necessary to use one sheet for each month (as you did in the last quarter) when one sheet is sufficient for the quarter's work.

Make the figures on your abstract sheets larger.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

August 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint.San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

Herewith returned for correction please find your Annual Tabulated Statement of disbursements for the fiscal year 1890.

Your disbursements on account of telegraphing are greater by \$9.69 than they should be, by reason of a disallowance of that amount in your April account.

A transfer of \$237.29 from Contingent Expenses to wages of workmen has been made in your payments from the appropriation for Partingnd Refining bullion. The figures in pencil show your disbursements, as taken from your accounts.

In your statement of bills paid at the Department you are in error in taking into consideration the bill of

\$204.60, paid July 9, 1890. This bill is charged upon the books of this Bureau as a disbursement of the current fiscal year. The Department bills on account of dies manufactured for the use of your mint, were paid as follows: -

From Wages of Workmen of your mint, - \$574.20
 " Contingent Expenses Do. 31.35
 " Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, 613.80.

Of the latter amount \$583.20 was paid on account of Wages of Workmen ²⁴ \$30.60 for Contingent Expenses.

The pencil memoranda on the statement ²⁴ the changes they make necessary will correct the statement to conform to the books of this Bureau. If a new statement is forwarded please return the enclosed with it without erasing penciling.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

August 28, 1890.

Hronteriza Silver Mining & Milling Co.,
Room No. 5, #209, Alamo Plaza,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen: -

In reply to your letter of the 22nd., instant, you are informed that Silver .980 fine, will be received upon government purchases.

As your silver contains gold, the usual mint charges for parting would be imposed.

I enclose herewith circular of the department in relation to offers for silver, which will give you the information you desire as to the mode of offering.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech, - Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1890.

Zimmerman and Forshay,11, Wall Street, New York.

Gentlemen: -

Your telegram of yesterday asking that the Postal Telegraph wire be used for your business, was delivered at 9.20 this A. M. The telegram of this Bureau yesterday to you, was directed to be sent by the Postal Company, but the operator of the department informed me that she could not get the Postal Co., in this city at the time of delivery to take the dispatch on their wire, consequently the message of yesterday was sent you over the Western Union.

I would state that the offers yesterday were numerous and large, and as they were received up to one P. M. and it takes some time to schedule them and prepare the replies, it is not practicable always for them to leave this Bureau at or before one P. M.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1890.

E. D. Weed,U. S. District Attorney,

Helena, Montana.

— Wheeler's bond approved. Please deliver him commission I mailed you.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram, ^{except as follows,} sent to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana.

- + +

He has been instructed to subscribe to oath of office Monday morn-

ingth take charge of institution that date. You will follow strictly the instructions given in letter of twentieth instant.

August 28, 1890.

Telegram. Wm. D. Wheeler,
Helena, Montana.

— Your bond approved. Weed has been instructed to deliver commission. Subscribe to oath Monday morningth take charge of office. Braden has been fully instructed.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 28, 1890.

Telegram. I. C. Michels,
Care, Senator McPherson,
U. S. Senate,

— Price of silver in London for the last seven days has been as follows: - fifty-four one-fourth, fifty-four one-fourth, fifty-four one-fourth, fifty-four, fifty-three three-fourths, fifty-three three-fourths, fifty-four one-eighth. These are from the twenty-first to twenty-eighth inclusive, in the order stated.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 28, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

informed. — Receive thirty-five thousand ounces additional from American Exchange Nat'l Bank at one nineteenth one-eighth.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 28, 1890.

Telegram. American Exchange Nat'l. Bank,
New York.

Confirmed. - Owing to the mistake in the telegram delivered us, your offer of fifteen thousand ounces yesterday, at one nineteenth and one-eighth is accepted for fifty thousand ounces, as requested by you.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 28, 1890.

Telegram. Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

- Please send me two copies of July number of California Banker's Magazine.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 28, 1890.

Telegram. Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

- The statement of Bullion deposits^{and} purchases ordered June twenty-four has not been received. Have it prepared^{and} forwarded immediately.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 28, 1890.

Telegram. American Exchange Nat'l. Bank,
New York.

- Your offer number one yesterday read, "thirty-eight thousand at one nineteen, fifteen thousand at nineteenth and eighth."

We accepted both,^{and} also the first three

lots of fifty thousand each in your offer number two.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 28, 1890.

American Exchange Nat'l. Bank,
New York.

Gentlemen: -

Your offer No. 1, of yesterday as received at this Bureau reads 38,000 at \$1.19³/₄ 15,000 (not 50,000) at \$1.19¹/₈, both of which accepted, as you were advised by wire² which was confirmed by mail yesterday. The error was therefore made by the Postal Telegraph Company in transmitting your message making the offer, but inasmuch as you had shipped 50,000 instead of 15,000 ounces the Superintendent of the Mint was instructed to-day to receive 35,000 ounces additional from you at \$1.19¹/₈.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1890.

E. W. Carpenter, Esq.,
Ass't. Cashier, Union Nat'l. Bank of Racine,
Racine, Wisconsin.

Sir: -

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, referred to this Bureau by the Comptroller of the Currency, you are informed that the government neither purchases nor redeems mutilated 1, 2, 3, or 5-cent minor coins.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1890.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Mint.San Francisco, Cal.

— Telegraph at close of business tomorrow coinage for month under old law ^{and} new law separately, ^{and} balance, in fine ounces, uncoined silver on hand purchased under each law.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams except as follows, sent to the following:—
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Carson, Nevada.

— + + + + + + +

What is the reason you are purchasing no silver?

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

— + + + + + + +

+ + + silver on hand, purchased and transferred under each law.

Telegram.

Hohn, Popper and Co.,66, Broadway, New York.

Confirmed.

— Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one nineteen, forty-nine accepted.

Other declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar telegrams except as follows, sent to the following:—
Wandy and Harman, 24, Nassau St., New York.

Confirmed.

— + + + fifty thousand at one nineteen, three-fourths, accepted. + +.

J. and W. Seligman and Co., New York.

Confirmed.

— + + + thirty-eight thousand and at one nineteen, three-fourths accepted. + +.

August 29, 1890.

Telegram. Supt. U. S. Mint.San Francisco, Cal.Confirmed. — Receive from Bank of California one hundred thousand ounces at one nineteen, $\frac{3}{4}$ three-fourths per ounce fine.E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

August 29, 1890.

Telegram. Bank of California,San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. — Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

Confirmed. Consolidated Kans. City & R. Co., New York.Confirmed. E. H. Pullen, Cashier, New York.

August 29, 1890.

Telegram. Zimmerman & Horshay,11, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: —

J. & S. Wormser, New York.M. M. Tompkins, San Francisco, Cal.Nesslage, Colgate & Co., 29, Wall St., New York.Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co., New York.M. Gernsheim & Co., 19, Wall St., New York.Boston & Colorado Smelting Co., Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

August 28, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I would thank you to forward as soon as you conveniently can, your Statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890, also the Fiscal Year Statement.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech.
 Director.

August 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I will thank you to forward a statement, at close of business to-morrow, showing separately the coinage of silver dollars under the old law ^{and} the new law during the current month ^{and} the amount in fine ounces of uncoined silver on hand purchased under each law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech.
 Director.

August 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by

draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:—

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|----|-----------|
| Consolid. Kans. City, S. & K. Co., | 50,000 | Ounces, | at | \$1.1975. |
| Handy & Harman, | 50,000 | " | " | 1.1975. |
| J. & W. Seligman & Co., | 38,000 | " | " | 1.1975. |
| E. H. Cullen, | 20,000 | " | " | 1.1975. |
| Kohn, Popper & Co., | 100,000 | " | " | 1.1949 |

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech.

Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:—

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty-three Thousand, Six Hundred ²/₁₀₀ Thirty-three ⁴⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$23,633.48), in Gold Coin, ²/₁₀₀ Three Hundred ²/₁₀₀ Nineteen ²¹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$319.21), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-three Thousand Nine Hundred ²/₁₀₀ Fifty-two ⁶⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$23,952.69), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 8, dated Aug. 23, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech.

Director.

August 29, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

Deposit-Memorandum No. 5, dated Aug. 23, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 5, dated Aug. 16, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau ^{and} the gross value found to be \$24,010 $\frac{32}{100}$; charges \$57 $\frac{63}{100}$, ^{and} net value \$23,952 $\frac{69}{100}$. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

C. O. No. 7756, for \$80,000, being on account of Minor Coinage Profits, inclosed in your communication of the 28th, inst., has been received, properly indorsed, ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, - personal credit to be given you in your Bullion account, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a profit on Minor coinage.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

August 29, 1890.

H. H. Cushman, Esq.,
Bassett, Nebraska.

Sir: -

In reply to your letter of the 25th, instant, you are informed that the standard silver dollar contains 412.5 grains of silver nine-tenths fine, or 371.25 grains of pure silver.

The trade dollar contains 420 grains of standard silver, or 378 grains of pure silver.

The gold dollar contains 25.8 grains of standard gold nine-tenths fine, or 23.22 grains of pure gold.

The New York price of silver today is \$1.19375.

The value of an ounce of pure gold is \$20.67, ^{and} does not vary.

I enclose herewith a schedule giving, by months the average price of silver since the first of January last.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1890.

William D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

Your bond as Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury ^{and} will this day be filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

August 30, 1890.

Telegram. Zimmerman ^{and} Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

— Offers of silver will be considered on Monday.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 30, 1890.

Telegram. Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— Gittle's bill was approved as soon as received ^{and} referred to accounting officers for payment. It takes about ten days for draft to reach him.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

August 30, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:—

Your Statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures for the quarters ending Sept. 30, ^{and} Dec. 31, 1889; June 30, ^{and} for the Fiscal year 1890, are herewith returned for correction.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
 Director.

August 30, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:—

C. D. No. 96, for \$36.76, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation

for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, Fiscal year 1890, enclosed in your communication of August 22nd, has been received, properly endorsed ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, - personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 30, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir: -

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Supplemental Ordinary account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 30, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir: -

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement the Supplemental Ordinary account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required

by law.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1890.

Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co.,

P. O. Box #2854, New York City.

Gentlemen: -

In reply to your letter of the 29th, instant, you are informed that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, will, upon delivery of silver sold the government, advance, when bars of well-known refineries are delivered, from 80 to 90 percent of the invoice value, pending determination of the same by assay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I have to day approved ^{and} made special your requisition for an advance of \$400, from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the fiscal year 1890.

The warrant will probably reach you on Monday ^{and} I will thank you to hasten the payment of the bills to which you refer, ^{and} close your accounts for 1890 at as early a date as practicable.

Such bills as you cannot immediately call in for settlement can be paid

at the Department afterwards, upon your approval of same.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

August 30, 1890.

Adolph Soetbeer, Esq.,
Göttingen, Germany.

Dear Sir:—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 18th, inst., ^{and} the accompanying essays. It will afford me pleasure to read the enclosures as it always does anything which emanates from your pen.

I have no statistics as to the production of gold in French Guiana ^{and} only those contained in Handels-Archiv, relative to the product of Dutch-Guiana, which he places at 1,410,795 guildens in value for the year 1888 against 1,379,509 in the preceding year.

The amount of gold produced in these two colonies has never been included in the tables of this Bureau, but I shall endeavor to obtain some accurate statistics in regard to them.

My impression is that whatever gold escapes record in Russia is included in the amount imported into Great Britain ^{and} British India from China.

I consider that the statistics of the production of gold in the world are exceedingly accurate, ^{and} cover very closely the entire product, with regard to silver

there is, of course, much doubt, but I am satisfied that the product of Mexico for last year was very largely exaggerated in my report; indeed I took occasion to say so, but could not well go back of official figures.

In the United States, of course, we spare no pains to make the collection of these statistics as complete as possible, ^{and} to eliminate all foreign material, while in Mexico they are mere "guesses."

The bulk of the Mexican lead ores containing silver come to the United States for smelting ^{and} refining, ^{and} with the addition of the amount deposited at the Mexican Mints, embraces substantially all the product of that country.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:—

I am of the opinion that the Act of May 26, 1882, authorizing the exchange of gold bars for gold coin, militates against the interest of the United States, in facilitating the exportation of gold, ^{and} I contemplate recommending in my fiscal report the repeal of this law.

I will thank you to prepare at your leisure, ^{and} forward to me, your views, in the nature of an argument in favor of the repeal of this law, presenting the salient points of objection ^{and} the economical

the financial reasons upon which the repeal would be asked.

In connection therewith I will thank you to prepare a statement showing the exportation of gold bars during the summer of the present year, the amount shipped each day, the name of the shippers and the consignees, the rate of exchange when the shipments took place, and also the value of the gold bars exchanged for gold coin for shipment about the same periods.

I covered the points somewhat in an article on this subject in my last report, showing the expenses of shipping gold, from data kindly furnished you by bankers, and I will be pleased to have you cover fully the principal points of the cost of shipping gold and the relative cost of shipping coin and bars, and why bars are preferred for export.

The very fact that on one day about \$600,000 worth of orders for gold bars were withdrawn at your institution, because of my delay in answering promptly the requests for them, is proof positive to my mind that it was not profitable at that time to ship gold coin, while it was to ship gold bars.

If the slight delay of one day had the effect to retain in the United States \$600,000 in gold bars which would have otherwise been shipped, the margin of profit on the shipments of bars as contradistinguished from coin must be considerable, and the law works a positive evil.

(Over).

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Handy and Harman,

#24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed

— Your offer of seventy-five thousand ounces at one hundred nineteen and one-half accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

— Receive from Wells, Fargo and Company sixty thousand ounces of silver at one hundred nineteen, and one-half cents.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Zimmerman and Lorchay

#11, Wall Street, New York.

Confirmed

— Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following:—

E. H. Kaufman, San Francisco, Cal.

Kohn, Popper and Co., New York.

Kreslage, Colgate and Co., New York.

Selby, Smig and Lead Co., San Francisco, Cal.

W. Bernheim and Co., Saratoga, N. Y.

Boston and Colo. Smig. Co., Denver, Colo.

W. Loarza and Co., San Francisco.

Confirmed.

September 1, 1890.

Telegram.
Confirmed.Wells, Fargo & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

— Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 1, 1890.

Telegram.
Confirmed.Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

— Offer of Peters accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Zimmerman & Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.— Your offer received too late for
consideration.E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 1, 1890.

Telegram.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.— Forward your autograph to As-
sistant Treasurer at New York.E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report
upon assay coins taken from the first ^{and}

two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of July, 1890, ^{and} forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to the following: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

September, 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -
Wandy ^{and} Harman, 75,000 Ounces, at \$1.1960.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: -

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund

of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand, Eight Hundred ⁸⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$22,807.88), in Gold Coin, ^{and} Five Hundred and Eighteen ⁸⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$518.80), in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-three Thousand, Three Hundred ^{and} Twenty-six ⁶⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$23,326.68), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 6, dated Aug. 29, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 1, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 6, dated Aug. 29, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6, dated Aug. 23, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$23,386 ⁶⁴/₁₀₀, charges \$59 ⁹⁶/₁₀₀, ^{and} net value \$23,326. ⁶⁸/₁₀₀.

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September, 1, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: -

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, be increased in the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars \$75,000, - by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, ^{and} that the same be placed to the credit of W. E. Wheeler, Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz: - \$50,000. - Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York by telegraph ^{and} \$25,000 with Merchant's Nat'l. Bank, Helena.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.), ^{and} that \$50,000. of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York ^{and} a balance of \$25,000. with Merchant's National Bank, Helena, Montana.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 2, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. The successor of Johannes should be appointed at a much lower compensation than he received. The compensation allowed him was the growth of years, ^{and} because of his special qualifications.

No person acting can draw the pay of office clerk.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 2, 1890.

Telegram. Heidebach, Ickelheimer ^{and} Co.,
New York.

— To-day is not purchase day.
 Offers will be considered to-morrow.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to: -
J. ^{and} S. Wormser, New York.

September 2, 1890.

Telegrams. Collector of Customs,
New York.

— Statement of imports ^{and} exports of gold coin for August not received, ^{and} Secretary's statement of circulation delayed in consequence.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 2, 1890.

Telegram. J. and W. Seligman and Co.,
New York.

— Your telegram of yesterday was sent to the mint at Philadelphia, ^{and} not received here until this morning by mail. Your offers respectfully declined.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 2, 1890.

Telegram. Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

— Fifty thousand dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York yesterday by telegraph.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 2, 1890.

Telegram. Sup't, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. — You are authorized to close mint on ninth instant, day of celebration of admission of California. I see no reason why mint should be closed two days.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 2, 1890.

Telegram. Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed. — Deliver immediately to depositor or his order check in payment of deposit number three thirty-four made August twenty-third by Max Baer.

September 2, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

You are hereby instructed to coin during the current month 600,000 standard silver dollars, under the act of July 14, 1890, and such additional silver dollars, from silver purchased under the act of February 28, 1878, as your present machinery and force will permit, working the force regular hours.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter sent to the following, (except amt.):

(600,000) Superintendent, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.
 + + + 400,000 silver dollars - +

Similar, with following exceptions, sent to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + +
 - 1,300,000 silver dollars + + +
 + + + + +

In addition to the coinage of silver dollars you are hereby instructed to coin \$150,000 in dimes, from "trade dollar" bullion in your possession.

Of the coinage of dimes herein authorized, the Department desires that at least \$100,000 shall be ready for distribution by the 10th, instant.

You will please inform me when the Department can begin to draw transfer orders against these dimes.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Carson, Nevada.

- + + + +
 from silver purchased under the act

of February 28, 1878, 200,000 standard silver dollars or as much more as your present machinery ^{and} force will permit without working over time.

No coinage will be executed at your mint during the current month under the act of July 14, 1890, for the reason that the quantity of silver purchased at your mint under that act is not sufficient to justify any allotment of coinage.

You will, of course, coin such quantity of double-eagles as your stock of gold bullion ^{and} the coinage of silver dollars will permit.

September 2, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Carson, Nevada.

Sir: -

The statement transmitted on the 25th, ult., of bullion deposits ^{and} purchases at your mint, from January 1, 1887, to the end of the fiscal year 1890, with the names of the depositors ^{and} sellers has been received.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,

Director.

September 2, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

I enclose herewith the account of the Baltimore Copper Smelting ^{and} Rolling Company receipted in duplicate for

20,000 lbs. of Ingot Copper at $15\frac{1}{2}$ cents
per pound, amounting to \$3,100.- for which
 sum you will please forward the company
 a draft on New York, upon receipt of the
 copper.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1890.
Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co.,
Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.
 Gentlemen: -

Your account for 20,000 lbs. of
Ingot Copper shipped the U. S. Mint at
 San Francisco, has been forwarded to the
 Superintendent of that institution with in-
 structions to remit you a draft on New
 York for the amount, viz: - \$3,100.-

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1890.
W. N. Griswold, Esq.,
Pres't. Mining Stock Assoc'n.,
325, Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.
 Sir: -

As requested in your communication
 of June 17th, addressed to the Secretary
 of the Treasury, I send you to-day by reg-
 istered mail an itemized statement of the
 bullion deposits and purchases at the Carson
 mint from January 1, 1887, to the end of
 the fiscal year 1890, with names of the de-
 positors and sellers. — This statement

has been drawn from the books of the mint and prepared at a great deal of labor.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 2, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir: -

I enclose herewith for payment the account of the U. S. Express Company for the transportation of \$625,689.73, in silver bullion transferred from the mint at Philadelphia to your mint, amounting to \$1,561.24, which sum is payable from the profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars accruing under the Act of July 14, 1890. You will please forward a draft on New York for the amount under cover to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1890.

J. and W. Seligman and Co.,
New York.

Gentlemen: -

Your telegram of yesterday from West End, Long Branch, was sent to the Mint at Philadelphia and did not reach this Bureau until this morning by mail.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

It will sometimes happen, as was the case yesterday, that telegrams making offers of silver are mis-sent by bidders, to the Mint at Philadelphia. Hereafter when this occurs, you will please have the message repeated to this Bureau immediately.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

You will please cause to be struck ^{and} mounted for the Life Saving Service, two (2) Gold Medals ^{and} forward the same to this Bureau as early as practicable. The medals should each be placed in a suitable morocco case. You will transmit your account in duplicate, upon the enclosed blank form.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

In compliance with request contained

in your letter of the 13th, ultimo, you are hereby
authorized to procure twenty-four (24) Adjusting
Balances of the Westermarck patent.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— Can you give me before half-
past-one to-day a rough estimate of the cost
of a mint exhibit at Chicago including a
press^{ing} assay apparatus^{ing} and what the cost was
for the exhibit at the Centennial^{ing} and the
New Orleans exposition.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 3, 1890.

Telegram. American Exchange Nat'l. Bank,
New York.

Confirmed. — One hundred thousand ounces of
your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 3, 1890.

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offer of thirty-seven thous-
and ounces at one hundred nineteen^{and}
four-tenths accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 3, 1890.

Telegram. Consolidated Kansas City S. & R. Co.,
#20, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed. - your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to: -

Confirmed. Messlage, Colgate & Co., #29, Wall St., New York.

September 3, 1890.

Telegram. Anglo-Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed. - your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams (except as noted*), sent to the following: -

Bank of California, San Francisco, Cal.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co., Denver, Colo.

Clark, Dodge & Co., #51, Wall Street, New York.

Gernsheim & Co., #10, Wall Street, New York.

C. H. Kaufman, San Francisco, Cal.

Kohn, Popper & Co., #66, Broadway, New York.

Piza, Nephews & Co., #18, Broadway, New York.

Selby Smelting & Lead Co., San Francisco, Cal.

M. M. Tompkins, San Francisco, Cal.

Wells, Fargo & Co., New York.

Zimmerman & Horshay, #11, Wall Street, New York.

J. & S. Wormser, New York.

- + * offers +

Handy & Harman, #24, Nassau St., N. Y.

H. Loaliza & Co., San Francisco, Cal.

- + * offer + * Received
 too late for consideration.

Confirmed.

Confirmed.

September 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:—

On ^{my} after receipt hereof, you will pay
 for silver contained in gold deposits at the
 rate of \$1.07 per ounce standard. (Signed),

V. Reay,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Similar letters sent to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana.

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

— + + + + + + +

and U. S. mutilated coin, + + +

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.

September 3, 1890.

Thomas H. Crider, Esq.,

Acting Chief Clerk,

Department of State.

Sir:—

In compliance with the request con-
 tained in your communication of the
 26th, ult., I send you herewith six cop-
 ies of the report of the Director of the Mint
 on the production of gold ^{and} silver in the
 United States, 1889.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

I send you to-day for distribution, fifty copies of the report of the Director of the Mint on the production of the precious metals in the United States, 1889.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letter except as follows, sent to: -

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

- + + + + one hundred
 copies + + + + + .

September 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Referring to your letter of yesterday, relative to stamping the weight^{and} fineness on each bar of silver, I am of the opinion that it is highly important that all the bars of silver purchased under the new law, which are to be stored away should be stamped with the exact weight of each bar^{and} its fineness, even if it is necessary to re-melt each bar for the purpose.

The clips cut off for assay may be melted into a bar, if considered desirable, ^{and} stored with each lot, but it seems to me that this is entirely unnecessary, ^{and} that there is no necessity of keeping each purchased lot by itself.

The purchase of silver bullion under

this law is going to be an immense business. When you consider that we have to buy fifty-four million ounces a year, ^{and} the bulk of it will be bought at your mint ^{and} the coinage continued only for one year, you can form some idea of the immense proportions which it will assume in the course of a few years, ^{and} the storage capacity which will be required, so that it seems to me that it is desirable to utilize all storage space to the best advantage from the very start, ^{and} to make no small bars if it can be avoided, ^{and} to pile the bars to the best advantage as to space regardless of the particular lot or month to which they belong.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:-

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Cons'd. Kans. City S. & R. Co., | 63,000 Ounces, | at \$1.1940. |
| J. & W. Seligman & Co., | 37,000 " " | 1.1940. |
| Amin. Ex. Nat'l. Bank, | 100,000 " " | 1.1940. |
| Neesslage, Colgate & Co., | 100,000 " " | 1.1925. |
| | | (Over). |

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I forward you by express to-day a box containing 38.309 fine ounces of gold bullion, and 269.3 fine ounces of silver bullion, resulting from the melting of coins forwarded from the several mints to this Bureau for special assay.

The latter you will take up ^{and} treat as a purchase under the Act of July 14, 1890, at the rate of \$1.16 $\frac{7}{10}$ per standard ounce. No charge is to be made on this bullion. The proceeds you will return as early as practicable.

Give full weight.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir: -

The Treasurer's Office is in receipt of a bank statement showing you to have deposited the sum of \$483.51, on account of balance of Profit & Loss account. No such certificate of deposit has been received at this Bureau ^{and} I will thank you to advise me whether or not one has been forwarded.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 3, 1890.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

Sir: -

I transmit herewith, for examination ^{and} settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont., for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 3, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I return you by express to-day the sample medal cases submitted by you in June last ^{and} I also enclose herewith for your guidance a copy of a letter addressed this Bureau by the Secretary of the Treas-

ary stating that the cases of Henry Reynolds had been selected. The proposals are enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1890.

Telegram. Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed. — Your private business cannot be settled in your public capacity. Your duty under the law is to pay the value of the deposit to the person who deposited the bullion or his order.

Your personal transactions with Mr. Baer or others must be settled aside from your official capacity. You are violating the law ^{and} your duties by withholding payment of any deposit.

Letter by mail.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 4, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

— If the assistant treasury ^{and} other Federal institutions are closed on the eighth ^{and} ninth you are authorized to close the mint, but it must not interfere with the mandatory coinage of six hundred thousand Silver Dollars this month.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 4, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$485.40, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year; viz: -

Salaries, 1891, \$285.40

Wages of Workmen

Contingent Expenses, 1891, \$200.00.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, sent to the following: -
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

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| - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | + | \$28,000 | + | - | + | |
| + | + | Mint | + | + | + | + | |
| | | Salaries, | 1891, | | | \$4,000 | |
| | | Wages of Workmen, | " | | | 18,000 | |
| | | Contingent Expenses, | " | | | 6,000 | |

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York City.

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|---|---|----------------------|---------|---|---|----------|---|
| - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | + | \$6,100 | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | Office | + | + | + | + | - |
| | | Salaries, | 1891, | | | \$3,200. | |
| | | Wages of Workmen, | " | | | 2,100. | |
| | | Contingent Expenses, | " | | | 800. | |

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

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|---|---|---|---------|---|---|--------|---|
| - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | + | \$2,400 | + | + | + | - |
| | | | | | | (Over) | |

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|----------|
| Salaries, | 1891, | \$1,000. |
| Wages of Workmen, | " | 1,200. |
| Contingent Expenses, | " | (200). |

September 4, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$5,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, to: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, New York City.

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|---|---|----------|---|---|---|---|
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | \$8,000. | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | + | + | + | + | + |

September 4, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: -

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Seven Hundred and One $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars (\$22,701.02), in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars (\$215.50), in Silver Coin, making

a total of Twenty-two Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars (\$22,916.52), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 6, dated August 30, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 4, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

Deposit Memorandum No. 6, dated Aug. 30, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, shipment No. 6, dated Aug. 23, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$22,974. $\frac{53}{100}$; charges \$58. $\frac{01}{100}$, and net value \$22,916. $\frac{52}{100}$.

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir: -

Herewith returned for correction please find your fabricated statement of

Expenditures for the fiscal year 1890. You will observe that it does not embrace the expenditures reported in your supplemental account current, which is an expenditure of the year though made after its close, nor the bills paid at the Department. These latter embrace bills for stationery amounting to \$49.24, Freight \$8.11, and Bill for Flag, \$10.00. Please cause the items to be entered under their proper headings and if a new statement is forwarded I will thank you to return the enclosed without erasing pencil memoranda.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 4, 1890.

Zimmerman and Forshay,
11, Wall Street, New York.

Gentlemen: -

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are informed that under an Act passed by Congress January 29, 1874, coins can be struck by the U. S. Mints for foreign countries, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, provided the same does not interfere with the regular coinage of the U. S.

I know of no law that would prevent private parties in the United States from manufacturing coins for foreign governments, from designs furnished by and under contract with such governments.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, - Director of the Mints.

September 4, 1890.

Cabel Whitehead, Esq.,Bureau of the Mint,Washington, D.C.

Sir: -

You are instructed to proceed to Philadelphia at your leisure ^{and} purchase such supplies as you may require for your laboratory, ^{and} transact such other business as I have instructed you orally.

Your necessary expenses will be paid.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 4, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 29th. ult., informing me that you had sent two copies of the "California Bankers' Magazine"; if any expense has been incurred you are authorized to pay it from the contingent appropriation or forward the bill to this office for payment.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 4, 1890.

W. H. Crook, Esq.,Executive Mansion.

Dear Mr. Crook:

I delayed replying to

your letter of yesterday, in regard to the gold coins, until I could look up from the records of this bureau the exact facts in regard thereto, which I now present.

In 1878 Dr. W. W. Hubbell got up an alloy for coins, based on the metric system, ^{and} which he called "metric gold" or alloy coin metal.

Bills were introduced in the House of Representatives providing for coinage struck from this metal, but never became laws.

— Hon. A. H. Stephens, Chairman of the Committee on Coinage Weights ^{and} Measures of the House of Representatives, under date of November 19, 1878, requested that 30 specimen pieces of these coins be struck. The number authorized to be struck by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury was limited to 20, which were struck in 1879.

On March 3, 1880, the House Committee on Coinage Weights ^{and} Measures passed a resolution requesting that 100 additional sets of these coins be furnished the Committee, ^{and} with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, 100 additional sets were struck.

On May 10, 1880, a resolution was passed by the House of Representatives, requesting that 300 additional sets of these coins be struck, in order that each member of the Senate ^{and} House could be supplied with one in case they desired it, ^{and} 300 additional sets were struck by order of the Director of the Mint.

Trusting this information may be satisfactory,

I am very truly yours,

E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

The Secretary of the Treasury is in receipt of a communication from A. B. Seaman, an attorney of Denver, a copy of which I enclose you. Immediately upon receipt of this communication I examined your daily statements of checks paid, ^{and} found that the check for this deposit had not been paid. After consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, I telegraphed you as follows: - "Deliver immediately to depositor or his order, check in payment of deposit 334, made August 23, by Max Baer."

I also telegraphed Mr. Seaman to make demand on you for the check in payment of this deposit, ^{and} if you failed to deliver the check to the depositor or his order, to telegraph me.

I have just received your dispatch of the 4th inst., ^{and} submitted the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, ^{and} telegraphed you, with his approval, as follows: - "Your private business cannot be settled in your public capacity. Your duty under the law is to pay the value of the deposit to the person who deposited the bullion or his order. Your personal transactions with Mr. Baer or others must be settled aside from your official capacity. You are violating the law ^{and} your duties by withholding payment of any deposit. Letter by mail."

I must confess that I am no little surprised that you would attempt to withhold the payment of a check for a deposit

of bullion at your Mint for the purpose of settling a private business transaction between yourself ^{and} Mr. Baer, even if, as you say, this deposit was made without your authority or consent, ^{and} you are responsible for the proceeds.

You have your remedy at law, ^{and} not in your capacity as a Government officer.

It is impossible, as you well know, under the regulations for you to receive the proceeds of this draft. Section 18, Article I, of the regulations says:—

"In no case shall a check for a deposit be drawn in favor of the Superintendent or Assayer in charge, or of any officer or person employed in the institution where the deposit is made."

Your attention is also directed to section 14 ^{and} section 16, of the same regulations.

Under the law ^{and} regulations made in pursuance thereof it is your duty as the officer in charge of the mint at Denver to deliver to the depositor or his order in writing, the proceeds of his deposit, ^{and} every day that you delay your plain duty under the law you are violating your obligation under your oath of office ^{and} laying yourself open to official censure or more severe measures.

I was in hopes, ^{and} so informed the Secretary, that I could settle this matter without a formal investigation, presuming that it arose from personal financial transactions growing out of the lease from the Turkey Creek Mining Co., of certain mining properties in which you ^{and} Mr. Baer are mutually interested, ^{and} that you were under the impression that you could legally withhold

payment from Mr. Baer for bullion deposited from the mines of which you were joint lessees. — I repeat that any transactions or claims growing out of your joint ownership as lessees of this property cannot be settled by your withholding, as a Government officer, payment of a deposit to the individual making the deposit or his order.

The disposition of the proceeds of the check is a matter to be settled by arbitration or the courts, ^{and} not by the officer in charge of the Mint.

— I trust that you will relieve the Department from any further annoyance in this matter by a prompt compliance with the requirements of the law ^{and} your superior officers.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 5, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

— Pay no railroad charges. Bills for transportation will be rendered through the Quartermaster's department to the Treasury.

E. O. Leech,
Director Mint.

September 5, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

— Pullen sold twenty thousand ounces August twenty-ninth. No purchase from him since.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

September 5, 1890.

Telegram. Handy and Harman,
#24, Nassau Street, New York.

Confirmed. — Your offers accepted.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 5, 1890.

Telegram. American Exchange Natl. Bank,
New York.

Confirmed. — Your offers declined.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: (except as noted)*

J. and H. Seligman & Co., New York.

J. and S. Wormser, New York.

— * offer +

De Haven and Townsend, #40, Wall St., New York.

Condit's Kansas City S. & W. Co., #20, Nassau St. New York.

Clark, Dodge & Co., #57, Wall Street, New York.

Boston & Colo. Smelting Co., Denver, Colo.

Selby Smelting & Lead Co., San Francisco, Cal.

Wells, Fargo & Co., New York.

Zimmerman and Hershay, #11, Wall St., New York.

Superintendent, Mint, Carson, Nevada.

* Peters' offer declined.

September 5, 1890.

Telegram. Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

— Was check been issued for deposit
 number three thirty four? What was
 the number of the check, on what bank
 drawn in whose favor?

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 5, 1890.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Confirmed. — On $\frac{1}{2}$ after receipt herof reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar seventeen $\frac{1}{2}$ one-quarter cents per ounce, fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: -

Confirmed. Superintendent, Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Confirmed. Superintendent, Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

September 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir: -

Your statements of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures for the quarters ending Sept. 30, Dec. 31, 1889; March 31, June 30, 1890, ^{and} for the last fiscal year are herewith returned for correction. — You will please forward without delay, corrected statements ^{and} return the originals herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 5, 1890.

Supit., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver at your mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.1725 per fine ounce.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech, — Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1890.

A. E. Outerbridge, Jr., Esq.,
16th, & Hamilton Sts.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir: -

Thanking you for the kind suggestions contained in your letter of the 2nd, inst., I would say that I have referred your letter to the assayer of this bureau, who is now in Philadelphia, with the request that he will look into the matter suggested by you.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1890.

Cabel Whitehead, Esq.,
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir: -

Enclosed herewith I transmit a letter from Mr. A. E. Outerbridge, Jr., relative to certain methods of reducing "heavies".

I will thank you to look into the subject while you are in Philadelphia, and confer with the officers of the mint and with Mr. Outerbridge, and make a report to me on the subject.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 5, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

I have your esteemed favor of the

30th., ultimo, making some suggestions as to changes in the regulations, ²/₇ I desire to say that your suggestions will receive due consideration at my hands.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 5, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 4th., instant, stating the necessity for the purchase of a new balance for weighing silver bars purchased under the Act of July 14, 1890, you are authorized to purchase such a balance as you may think necessary ^{and} desirable.

Care must be taken, however in order to comply with the law, to secure competition ^{and} the lowest rates in the purchase of such a balance.

In regard to the matter of continuing the assay numbers in regular order on the bars of silver stored, I would say that in my judgement the best course would be to make no change in the assay numbers on the bars.

The records of the mint will show what bars were turned over to the melter ^{and} refiner for coinage purposes, ^{and} it is a matter of indifference that the bars stored should be numbered consecutively.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 5, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir: -

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$224.10, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz: -

Salaries, 1891, \$224.10

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 5, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive ^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes.

Handy & Harman,

200,000 Ounces at \$1.1720

" " "

250,000 " " 1.1735.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:-

Herewith returned for correction please find your Tabulated Statement of Expenditures for the fiscal year 1890. You have failed to deduct from your total expenditures the amount of \$36.75, reimbursed by you on account of disallowances for overcharges in telegraphic vouchers ^{and} you have omitted to charge against the proper appropriations bills paid at the Department as follows:-

From Wages of Workmen for dies manufactured - \$278.52; from Contingent Expenses \$2116.26. - Bill for Copper \$2,900.00; Stationery \$166.46; Dies &c., \$13.97 ^{and} Freight \$35.83; from Parting ^{and} Refining bullion, freight bills \$1,529.30 ^{and} from Coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, for the manufacture of dies, \$607.10 of which amount \$581.60 was paid on account of Wages of Workmen ^{and} \$25.50 for Contingent Expenses.

Only one-half of the amount of bill paid from this appropriation on August 16, 1889, was charged against it as an expenditure of the current fiscal year, that is \$1,228.00, for Wages of Workmen ^{and} \$5.10 for Contingent Expenses.

Please return the enclosed with new statement ^{and} without erasing pencil memoranda.

In this connection I desire to say that your statement of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures for the year must agree with these figures.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 6, 1890.

Telegram.

W. Louiza & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.

- Your offer declined. Offers will
 be considered on Monday.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 6, 1890.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

- Letter from this bureau of third
 instant, increasing rate for silver partings
 to one dollar $\frac{3}{4}$ seven cents is hereby re-
 voked. Rate will remain one dollar $\frac{3}{4}$
 five cents per standard ounce.

E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to the following: -

Superintendent, Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

September 6, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir: -

I have received from the Public
 Printer an additional supply of the re-
 port on the production of the precious met-
 als in the United States, 1889.

If the number heretofore sent you
 has been exhausted, and you have any appli-
 cations, I will be pleased to send you ad-
 ditional copies, or you can forward the ap-

plications to this bureau, as you prefer.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters sent to the following:—

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

September 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:—

Letter from this bureau of 3rd., instant increasing rate for silver partings to \$1.07 is hereby revoked. Rate will remain \$1.05 per standard ounce.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to the following:—

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

September 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery^{and} Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts^{and}

Vouchers, for the Month ending August 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$3,500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz: -

| | | |
|----------------------|------|----------|
| Salaries, | 1891 | \$1,000. |
| Wages of Workmen, | " | 1,500. |
| Contingent Expenses, | " | 1,000. |

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 6, 1890.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.,

28, Rue St. Georges,

Paris, France.

Dear Sir: -

Acknowledging the receipt of your several communications, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury ^{and} myself, I have to inform you that the Secretary, while sensible of your interest in the monetary affairs of this country, does not deem it expedient to avail himself of your services, ^{and} consequently respectfully declines your proposal.

(See next page) -

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1890.

Charles E. Barber, Esq.,
Engraver, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barber: -

Referring to a design for the reverse of the medal to be struck in honor of the Secretary of the Treasury, I would suggest a wreath with an inscription of his public record.

I enclose herewith a memorandum of the same arranged by myself, as I think it should be, ^{and} also the memorandum of the same in his handwriting.

I would suggest that you draw up a design ^{and} submit it for his approval, embodying his public record herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

September 6, 1890.

Allen B. Seaman, Esq.,
#44, Opera House Block,
Denver, Colo.

Sir: -

Referring to your communication of the 27th. ult., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the refusal of the assayer in Charge of the Mint at Denver to issue a check in favor of the depositor of a certain deposit of gold bullion made

at the mint at Denver August 23, 1890, I would say that I have a dispatch from the acting assayer, saying that the check has been issued in favor of Max Baer.

I return herewith the copy of the lease^{and} of the mint deposit enclosed in your letters.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: -

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-five Thousand ^{and} Sixty-four ¹⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$55,064.19), in Gold Coin, ^{and} Six Hundred ^{and} Eighty-eight ⁵⁵/₁₀₀ (\$688.55), in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-five Thousand Seven Hundred ^{and} Fifty-two ⁷⁴/₁₀₀ (\$55,752.74), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum No. 4, dated Sept. 8, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:—

Deposit Memorandum No. 4, dated Sept. 3, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 4, dated Aug. 30, 1890, has been received ^{and} examined at this Bureau, ^{and} the gross value found to be \$55,892.⁶⁷/₁₀₀; charges \$139.⁹³/₁₀₀, ^{and} net value \$55,752.⁷⁴/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:—

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 6, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:—

I transmit herewith for examination

and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir: -

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir: -

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

September 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir: -

Your Statements of Earnings ^{and} Expenditures for the quarter ending June 30th for the Fiscal year 1890, are herewith returned for correction. Please return the enclosed Statements with corrected ones without delay.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

September 6, 1890.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I have been thinking of transferring from your mint to that of New Orleans the balance of uncoined silver on hand, purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, amounting to something less than 2,000,000 fine ounces.

I see but little prospect of coining this silver at your mint in the near future, ^{and} I am anxious to close up the coinage of the silver purchased under the old law. This would enable us to close the silver bullion purchase account at your mint, under the Act of February 28, 1878 ^{and} relieve you of any embarrassment or confusion ^{and} from rendering many statements.

Please let me hear from you on the subject, whether it would be entirely practicable to ship to New Orleans the exact balance in your account of silver bullion purchased

under the old law, at the cost price at which it is carried in your accounts.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 6, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir: -

Your communication of the 3rd, inst., relative to the business of your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, has been received and will receive due consideration at my hands.

I am very anxious to provide your mint with modern machinery and apparatus, especially in the coining department.

I had hoped some time this Fall, if I could find leisure, to visit your mint and examine with you just what machinery was needed and make some arrangements in regard to procuring the same. You might keep this in mind, and at your leisure make a memorandum as to how the machinery can be best improved without interfering seriously with the monthly coinage, and when I come to New Orleans we will go over the matter together.

I am thinking of transferring to your mint from Philadelphia a stock of silver at the latter mint, purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, amounting to nearly 2,000,000 ounces.

The mint at Philadelphia is so busily engaged upon the mandatory coinage required by the new law, as well as upon the coinage of dimes and minor coins, that I have but little hope of coining up the old stock of silver as that

mint. — The seigniorage would make a handsome profit for your mint, ^{and} I think it could be done more expeditiously at New Orleans, ^{and} the dollars could be better distributed.

I have written to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia on the subject ^{and} will let you know the result shortly.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leach,
Director.

September 6, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: —

Referring to your letter of the first inst., requesting instructions as to the signing of checks ^{and} reports by the chief clerk, you are respectfully informed that there is no authority of law for the chief clerk to sign anything, either a check or a report, as chief clerk.

In the absence of the assayer in charge he is authorized to sign reports as "acting assayer", but he is not authorized to sign checks except in cases where the assayer in charge is absent from the city or leave authorized by the Director, ^{and} when the nomination of the chief clerk to act between specific dates has received the approval of this bureau.

In such cases it will be necessary to forward notice to the assistant treasurer at New York, ^{and} also to the bank, ^{and} to forward his autograph. —

You will please bear in mind that the chief clerk is not authorized in any case to sign a check except when authority has been received from

this bureau for him to act in the authorized absence of the officer in charge.

In regard to drawing checks let me say generally that a deposit should not be split up into small portions for the purpose of facilitating depositors in procuring exchange on New York. In cases of very large deposits there is no objection to two or three checks being drawn in payment, but the rule should be to draw one check in the payment of each deposit, especially if it is below \$5,000 in value.

The practice of your office is somewhat irregular in this respect ^{and} I directed attention to it when I was last in Helena.

Checks for all small deposits should as a rule be drawn on the depository bank in Helena, ^{and} in no case should a deposit be paid in part by a check on the assistant treasurer ^{and} in part by a check on a depository bank. While the Government is disposed to accommodate depositors as far as a due regard for public business will permit, it should not be done to the extent of splitting up deposits among a large number of checks as it simply confuses the verification of your accounts.

I would like to know how much money it will be necessary ^{for you} to keep in Helena at the depository bank (Merchant's National) for the prompt payment of deposits.

You will please see that Mr. Braden's accounts are promptly rendered as soon as he receives notice from Washington of his last shipments, by affording him all the necessary clerical assistance in the preparation of the accounts for his signature. — I presume he deposited the balance of money in his possession,

or rather to his credit, as he was instructed, although the certificates have not yet reached this bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

September 8, 1890.

Telegram. James Walsh & Son,
#5, Wall St., New York.

confirmed.

- Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams except as noted, * sent to the following: -

Nesslage, Colgate & Co., #29 Wall Street, New York.

M. Gernsheim & Co., #10, Wall Street, New York.

Consolid. Kansas City & R. Co., #20 Nassau St., N. Y.

Grimmerman & Forshay, #11, Wall St., New York.

- + * offers + .

Supt. Mint, Carson, Nevada.

- * Offer of Peters + .

September 8, 1890.

Telegram Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau St., New York.

confirmed.

- Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one dollar seventeen and one-fourth cents accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram except as follows, sent to: -

J & W. Seligman & Co., New York.

- + + of seventy thousand

confirmed. ounces at one dollar seventeen and twenty-hundredths cents accepted. + + .

September 8, 1890.

Telegram. Boston + Colorado Smelting Co.,
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed. — Your offer accepted.
 E. O. Leech,
 Director, Mint.

September 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I send you by mail to-day some copies of the new silver law, for such distribution as you may think proper.

E. O. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters sent to the following: -

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nevada.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

September 8, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir: -

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir: -

I have examined ^{my} referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination ^{my} settlement, your Supplemental Ordinary Expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30th., 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir: -

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$3,000., to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting^{ing} and refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letter except as follows, sent to the same: -

- + + to day + + + +
 + + + the sum of \$3,000. from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, to meet in part, the expense of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

September 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

C. D. No. 334, for \$86.49, being on account of Office Sweeps for July & Aug., 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 30th, ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters except as follows, sent to the same: -

— C. D. No. 335, for \$216.78, being on account of Melting, Assaying & Stamping charges,
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 + + + + +

— C. D. No. 336, for \$400, being on account of Sale of Old Material, + + + + +
 + + + + + no personal
 credit to be given you + + + + +
 + + + + +

— C. D. No. 337, for \$68.00, being on account of Bullion Assays (Special), + +
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— C. D. No. 338, for \$502.60, being on account of Unexpended balance of appropriation for Salaries of your Office, fiscal year 1891, + + + + +

+ + + + personal credit to be
 given you in your Ordinary accounts, ⁱⁿ the
 amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repay-
 ment to the credit of the above appropriation.

- C. D. No. 339, for \$580.00, + +
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 - C. D. No. 340, for \$82.17, + +
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Similar except as follows, sent to:-

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.,

- C. D. No. 1806, for \$0.74, + +
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September 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 5th, inst.,
 in relation to Certificate of Deposit for \$483.01,
 of which I had occasion to write you on the
 3rd, instant, I would say that you should have
 forwarded the ~~CD~~, as soon as the deposit
 was made. The Certificate is not a voucher
 of your Bullion Accounts, as a receipt for an
 Ordinary disbursement would be, it is not there-
 fore, necessary that it should be filed with it.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

September 8, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir: -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts^{and} Vouchers, for the Month ending August 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech,

Director.

Similar letters sent to the following: -

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Assayer, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

September 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir: -

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive^{and} pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes: -

Boston & Colorado S. Co., 135,000 Ounces, at \$1.1728.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech,

Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as follows, sent to: -

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

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| + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - |
| J. & W. Seligman & Co., | 40,000 | Ounces, | at | \$1.1720. | | | |
| Handy & Harman, | 60,000 | " | | 1.1726. | | | |

September 8, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$6,050. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz: -

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|-----------|
| Salaries, | 1891, | \$2,500 ~ |
| Wages of Workmen, | " | 2,500 ~ |
| Contingent Expenses, | " | 1,050 ~ |

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director.

Sept. 9, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending August 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Circular Letter -September 9th, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have today caused to be mailed to your office blank forms of estimates of appropriations necessary for the support of your institution during the fiscal year 1892. These estimates should be made and forwarded without delay, as the law requires that they shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury on or before the first proximo. [See circular of recent date herewith].

To avoid delay on account of errors, the instructions printed at the head of the blank forms will be closely observed.

No estimates will be submitted except for absolutely necessary expenses that are likely to be incurred during the year, and those for contingent expenses will be itemized as far as practicable and the quantities and probable cost of each article stated.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, addressed to:

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Saint Louis, Mo.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

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+ to your Mint to to + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 9, 1891.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find duplicate bills of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company for rent of instrument and service during the quarter ending with this month. This bill was forwarded by your predecessor to this Bureau for payment, but as part of the service pertained to your term of office I think it best that you should pay it.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

September 9, 1890

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mason:

There have been complaints upon the part of reputable dealers in Silver Bullion as to the delay in getting their silver bullion assayed and their bars. They say that it takes two weeks and sometimes more, and that it embarrasses them in filling their contracts with the Government for the sale of silver. I am very well aware that your institution is conducted with great economy, and with excellent business methods, and I am satisfied that this delay is unavoidable upon your part but am also of the opinion that it arises very largely from lack of proper apparatus and appliances for the mechanical operations.

I believe the efficiency and value of the assay office at New York could be largely improved by the expenditure of a reasonable amount of money for the introduction of some new apparatus in the assay and smelting departments, and, as you will know, I am disposed to be very generous in the matter of the best apparatus and machinery for the prompt transaction of public business and that it is poor economy to delay the prompt payment of depositors on account of lack of necessary appliances.

I would suggest that you make inquiry in regard to the introduction of gas furnaces for the melting of silver, and as to the cost and practicability of introducing them in your institution, also as to the cost of a tilting

furnace in which say 10000 ounces of silver could be melted at once.

I would also suggest that you inquire as to the cost and practicability of introducing electric motors for (the mechanical) operations of the Assayer's department, such as cutting & slips, shaking the silver and running the blasts for furnaces.

Please confer with the melter and refiner and the Assayer on these subjects and let me hear from you in regard to them, and also any other suggestions which you may have to make as to the improvements in your machinery and apparatus, and whether the same can be done from appropriations at your present disposal or whether additional appropriations will be required, and how much.

Very respectfully,
E. H. Leech
Director.

September 9, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please make arrangements to ship to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans as early as practicable the balance of the silver bullion on hand at your Mint purchased under the Act of February, 28, 1878. It will be better to divide it into two shipments as it will be hard for the New Orleans Mint to receive it in one shipment.

You will dispose of the Melter's sweeps

up to the 12th ultimo as early as practicable, but I do not see that this need delay the shipment of the net balance of the billion within the current month, in order that the account may be closed with this quarters accounts. You will please advise this bureau when you make shipment in order that I may have the necessary order covering the same issued.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 9, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$28,000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|---------|
| Salaries | 1891, | \$3,000 |
| Wages of Workmen | 1891, | 20,000 |
| Contingent Expenses | 1891, | 5,000 |

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 9, 1890.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of

\$1,500.⁰⁰, to meet the expenses of the refinery, in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 9, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have today requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced from the sum of \$20,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of Silver Bullion Act July 14, 1890, to meet in part the expense of that coinage at your Mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 9, 1890.

Telegram Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed

Have telegraphed Messrs. Colgate & Co., in regard to their silver. Do not make approximate payment on current deliveries from them until instructed by me.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 9, 1890.

Telegram Messlage Colgate & Co.
29 Wall St
New York

Superintendent Mint Philadelphia reports
 your short fifty thousand ounces silver
 on contract of twenty seventh ultimo. You
 understand that you have only ten days
 in which to complete deliveries after sale.
 You will please explain the delay before cur-
 rent deliveries will be received on that
 contract.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Sept. 10th, 1890.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the ex-
 penses of your institution during the month
 of September, 1890, has been approved for the
 sum of \$960.80, payable from the following
 appropriations made for the support of your
 office during the current fiscal year, viz:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----------|
| Salaries | 1891, | \$ 260.80 |
| Wages of Workmen | 1891, | |
| Contingent Expenses | 1891, | |
| | | } 700.00 |

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Telegram
confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

September 10, 1890.

Offer of Peters accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

September 10, 1890

Sir:

The official bond of Harry H. Davis as
Chief Clerk of your office has been approved
by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury and
has this day been filed in the office of the
First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

September 10, 1890.

Sir:

I have to advise you that the balance of silver
bullion on hand at the Philadelphia Mint
purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878,
approximating about \$2,000,000 standard
ounces will be transferred to your Mint
for coinage into silver dollars.
I have instructed the Superintendent
of the Mint at Philadelphia to ship
the bullion in two lots during the
current month. The shipments will

probably approximate 1,000,000 ounces each.
You will make the necessary arrangements
to receive the same.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

September 10, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my telegram of current date
directing you to receive balance of silver
from Neslage, Colgate & Co. to complete
delivery on their sale of the 27th ultimo
I have to state that I have advised them
that in future all sellers of silver must
complete their deliveries within ten days un-
less an extension of time is granted by this
Bureau.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Telegram
Confirmed

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

September 10th 1890

Receive silver from Neslage, Colgate & Co. to
complete delivery on purchase of the twenty-
seventh ultimo.

E. O. Leech
Director

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 10th, 1890.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive (and pay) for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in Treasury notes:

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Handy & Harman | 50,000 Ounces, | at \$1.1750 |
| Piza Nephews & Co. | 100,000 Ounces, | at \$1.1750 |
| C. H. Stott Asst. Cashr. | 20,000 Ounces, | at \$1.1750 |

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

September 10, 1890.

Telegram Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed

The demand for dimes upon the Treasury is urgent and I am embarrassed by the inability of your Mint to meet the requirements of the public.

Please give the matter your personal attention.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 10th 1890.

Sept. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 3rd in relation to errors in your tabulated statement of disbursements for the fiscal year 1890, I have to say, in the first place, that you were advised under date of May 4th 1890, of the adjustment of your April Accounts and of the recommendation of disallowance of \$7.69 for overcharge on telegrams during that month.

In regard to the die bill paid in this fiscal year, your attention is called to the fact that the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar and the division of the amount between the two appropriations of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, to the credit of which it was covered by transfer warrant was given to show you how to charge same. If the payment had been made from your annual appropriations your entries would have been correct but as the payment was made from a general appropriation that is not confined to fiscal years, it should have been accounted for by you the same as if it had been an advance of this fiscal year.

In the matter of the transfer of \$237.29 from "Contingent Expenses" to "Wages of Workmen" in your "Parting and Refining" disbursements for the year, to which your attention was called, I find that your figures are correct. The pencil memorandum

increasing the item for labor and repairs by this amount may therefore be disregarded.

In correcting your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures," which has also been returned, you will please make your figures conform herewith.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1890.

Messrs. Hesselage, Goltz & Co.,
#26, Wall Street, New York.

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive the silver shipped by you on the 8th instant, on your sale of the 27th ultimo. In future it is expected that all sellers will complete their deliveries within 10 days from the date of sale and no deviation will be allowed from this unless some valid reason is furnished this Bureau and an extension of time granted.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one dollar
and twenty one half cents accepted. Others declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

September 10, 1890.

Telegram
ConfirmedAmerican Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Messlage, Bolgati & Co.,
#29 Wall Street,
New York.J. & W. Seligman & Co.,
New York.W. Loiza & Co.,
San Francisco, Cal.Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

September 10, 1890.

Telegram
ConfirmedC. H. Stout, Cashier,
National Bank of the Republic,
New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

Piza, Nephews & Co.,
#18 Broadway,
New York.

September 11, 1890

S. G. Brock Esq.Chief, Bureau of Statistics.Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I will thank you to prepare at your convenience for my fiscal report the usual statement of imports and exports of gold and silver during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, in the form published on pages 141-147 of the report for the last fiscal year, also the statement by countries of the imports of gold and silver ore, bullion, and coin published on pages 148 and 149 of the same report, also a statement by countries of the exports of gold and silver similar to the table published on pages 150-153 of the same report, also a statement of gold and silver ores imported into and exported from the United States during the same fiscal year, similar to the table published on page 154 of the same report. I will also thank you to have prepared a statement covering the fiscal year 1890 of the quantities and value of silver ores imported with the quantity and value of the lead, copper and gold contained in these ores, and of silver, separately, as far as can be ascertained, similar to the table published on page 34 of the report on the production of the precious metals, 1889. This table is of special importance in ascertaining the approximate quantity of silver as distinguished from the other metals, imported into the United States in the shape of lead ores. I send you herewith copies of the two reports

referred to with the pages in which the tables occur marked.

I would be pleased to have these statements, if possible, some time this month.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty-three $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$29,653\frac{26}{100}$) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Eighty-five $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($\$385\frac{46}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-one Thousand and Thirty-eight $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars ($\$21,038\frac{72}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by Memorandum No. 15 dated Sept. 6, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

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|---|---|--|---|---|
| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | Helena | + | + |
| + | + | Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Six $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars, | + | + |
| + | + | ($\$20,546\frac{62}{100}$) | + | + |
| + | + | One Hundred and Thirty- | + | + |
| + | + | Two $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars ($\$132\frac{87}{100}$) in Silver Coin, | + | + |
| + | + | Twenty Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-nine $\frac{49}{100}$ | + | + |
| + | + | Dollars, ($\$20,679\frac{49}{100}$) | + | + |
| | | by Spruille Braden, the | | |

Assayer in Charge + + + Helena, +
+ + + + +

+ + + Charlotte + +
+ + + + +

Twenty-two Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-five
 $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars (\$22,155 $\frac{74}{100}$) + + + One Hundred
and Six $\frac{29}{100}$ Dollars (\$106 $\frac{29}{100}$) + + + Twenty-two
Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars,
(\$22,262 $\frac{13}{100}$) + + + Charlotte, +
+ No. 8 + Sept. 4th + + +

Sept. 11th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the
Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at
New Orleans be increased in the sum of
Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.-) by a
transfer of that amount in Treasury notes and that
the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent
of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer
of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Leach
Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

+ Philadelphia + + + Three Million
Dollars (\$3,000,000.-) + + +
+ + + + +

Sept. 11, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 7, dated Sept. 6, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Shipment No. 7 dated Aug. 30, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$21,091.⁶⁶/₁₀₀, Charges \$52.⁹⁴/₁₀₀ and net value \$21,038.⁷²/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

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| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | \$20,723. ⁴⁹ / ₁₀₀ | + | \$44. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | \$20,679. ⁴⁹ / ₁₀₀ | + | + |

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte.

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| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | No. 8 | + | Sept. 4, 1890 |
| + | + | No. 8 | + | Aug. 30, 1890 |
| + | + | + | + | \$22,312. ⁶⁹ / ₁₀₀ |
| + | + | + | + | \$50. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| + | + | + | + | \$22,262. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ |
| + | + | + | + | + |

Sept. 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

Statement #60 Domestic Production and #61
 Deposits and Purchases are returned herewith
 for correction.

The amount of gold and silver reported on
 #60 as domestic production does not agree
 with the amount of domestic bullion reported
 on form #61 for August.

Respectfully yours,
 E. A. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have today approved and referred to the
 proper accounting officers of the Department
 for examination and settlement a bill of the
 Baltimore Smelting and Rolling Co., amounting
 to \$6,200. for 40,000 pounds of Ingot Copper fur-
 nished for the use of your Mint. of this
 amount \$4650.⁰⁰ will be paid from the
 appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion
 and the remainder \$1550.⁰⁰ from the ap-
 propriation for the coinage of the standard
 Silver Dollar, Act. February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
 E. A. Leach
 Director.

Sept. 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your very admirable letter of the 10th inst. relative to the exportation of gold, has been received and I beg to express my thanks for the pains which you have taken to elucidate the subject.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Still I incline to the opinion that it would be wise to change the law at least to the extent of making it discretionary with the Secretary.
 E. O. L.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

September 11, 1890

Sir:

When a delivery of silver dollars is made by the Coiner of your Mint, I will thank you to have your Cashier note on his daily statement whether the same is under the Act of February 28, 1878, or July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Sept. 11th 1890.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$500,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as to amount, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

+ Three Million Dollars, (\$3,000,000) +
+ + + +

September 11, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As soon as a statement is received from you showing the cost of the silver to be embraced in first shipment to New Orleans, I will request that a transfer order be issued covering the same so that you can make shipment on Saturday, the 13th instant.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1890.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst., submitting estimates of appropriations for the support of your mint for the fiscal year 1892 and recommending certain increases, I would say that the only increase of salary which I intend to recommend at your institution is that of the Chief Clerk. I know of no reason why the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia should receive more salary than the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leech
Director.

September 11, 1890.

Sept. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith your Statement of balance of bullion and coin belonging to the Bullion Account for August, form #232 with the request that you will divide the amount of Silver profit on hand so as to show the balance under the Acts of Feb. 28, 1878, and July 14, 1890, Separately.

Respectfully yours
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sept. 11, 1890.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether Messrs. Handy & Harman have completed delivery on their sale of 50,000 ounces at \$1.19 1/8 per ounce fine on the 27th ultimo.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1890.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward by to-day's mail statement showing cost of silver to be embraced in first shipment to New Orleans.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Sept. 11, 1890.

Telegram Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

We prepared to make shipment Saturday.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 11, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 5th inst. relative to the difference in rates paid for silver purchases made by you and those made by the Department you are respectfully informed that the rate for local purchases at your institution is uniformly fixed at about the equivalent of the London price, and is always the same as that paid at the other mints.

As the price of silver has recently been somewhat unsettled, in order to avoid frequent changes in the rates paid for small lots of silver the rate has not been changed until the price in London was definitely known.

Very respectfully,

Very respectfully,
E. H. Leech
Director.

September 11, 1890.

Prayer in charge, W. S. Lacey, Jr.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 9th instant
leave of absence from the 15th to the 17th instant,
to enter the (to a a a

Messrs. Piza, Stephens & Co.

September 11, 1890.

#18 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

I forward you by mail to-day, blank invoices to be used in making shipments of silver to the mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent of the Mint was instructed by mail yesterday to receive 100,000 ounces of silver from you and pay for same at the rate of \$1.175 per ounce fine (as determined by mint assay) by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

September 11, 1890.
Messrs. Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.
#46 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of the 9th instant, I forward by to-day's mail 500 copies of the Act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred

Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Sept. 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty-four $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars, (\$16,824. $\frac{74}{100}$.) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and sixty $\frac{70}{100}$ Dollars (\$160. $\frac{70}{100}$.) in Silver Coin, making a total of sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars, (\$16,985. $\frac{65}{100}$.) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 121, dated Sept. 9, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director.

September 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the
bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson
Nev. be increased Five Hundred Thousand
Dollars (\$5000.-) by a transfer of that amount
and that the same be shipped the Superintendent
in Subsidiary silver coin of the following de-
nominations, viz: Four Thousand Dollars
(\$4000.-) in half dollars and One Thousand
Dollars (\$1000.-) in quarter dollars.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you
will cause a transfer to be made from
the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at
Philadelphia to that of the Mint at
New Orleans of the sum of One Million,
one hundred forty-five thousand, five
hundred fifty seven and $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars
(\$1,145,557.50) payable in 1,219,337.23
ounces of standard silver bullion.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 6th instant, you are authorized to coin in October \$100,000. - in eagles and a like amount in half eagles. I would suggest that you also confine your gold coinage for November to these denominations.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your mint be increased \$5000. - by a transfer of that amount and that the same be shipped you in subsidiary silver coin of the following denominations viz:

\$4,000. - in half dollars

1,000. - in quarter dollars.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the month of Aug., 1890, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint

for special assay, have been received, viz:

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| 4 Double Eagles | \$ 80.00 |
| 4 S. S. Dollars | 14.00 |
| Total | \$ 94.00 |

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:
Sup't, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| 10 Double Eagles | \$ 200.00 |
| 18 S. S. Dollars | 18.00 |
| Total | \$ 218.00 |

September 12, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Sup't, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

On receipt of this dispatch, reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar, fifteen and one half cents, per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:
Sup't, Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sup't, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sup't, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 12, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and (Denver National Bank, Denver Colo.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1890.

Telegram Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

Fifty thousand dollars sent you on the tenth instant.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,New Orleans, La.

September 12, 1890.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to that of your mint, of the sum of \$145,557.05 payable in 1,249,337.23 ounces of Standard Silver bullion. Shipment will be made to-morrow, 13th instant. This silver will be treated as a purchase under the Act of Feb. 28, 1878, and the cost of transportation will be paid

from the profits on the coinage of silver under that act.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

September 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution, during the month of September 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$15200.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----------|
| Salaries | 1891, | \$2700.00 |
| Wages of Workmen | 1891 | 11000.00 |
| Contingent Expenses | 1891, | 1500.00 |

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 12, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with the request of Messrs. Messlage, Colgate & Co. an allowance of four days' time has been granted them in which to complete delivery of their sale of 100,000 ounces on the 13th instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in Treasury notes.

J. & M. Seligman & Co. 46000 Ounces, at \$1.1560
 Rimmernann & Forchay, 100000 Ounces, at \$1.1570
 Handy & Harman 75000 Ounces, at \$1.1575
 American Exchange

National Bank 100000 Ounces, at \$1.1574

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans of the sum of \$1,145,557.05 payable in 1,219,337.23 ounces of Standard Silver Bullion purchased under Act of 1878.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the rolls of your ordinary, accounts for the month of July, I find that a number of clerks have received compensation for overtime notably, D. E. Slattery, memorandum clerk, Frank W. Marston, statistical clerk, J. M. Dillon, ship clerk, Geo. A. Dall, P. F. Walsh, H. A. Pedlar, F. W. Arvey, H. G. Bornemann, clerks.

The payment of overtime to clerks is in violation of Section 3, article 29 of the regulations.

The clerical force of the Mint, like that of the Treasury Department is supposed to work as long as it is necessary for the transaction of the necessary clerical business without additional pay.

Hereafter payments for overtime to the clerical force will be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully,

E. C. Leech
 Director.

September 12, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your attention is directed to gross carelessness in the preparation of the pay rolls of your Mint, which will lead to suspensions in the settlement of your accounts. On the pay rolls for the month of April,

May and June the pay of Albert M. Hauser has been receipted by "Albert Hauser", and the amount paid Hauser has been suspended by the accounting officers.

The same error is repeated in subsequent rolls.

On the pay rolls for the months of July and August, now in process of verification in this Bureau, the following inaccuracies on the rolls occur:

M. A. Muleahy has been receipted as "M. Muleahy,"
 Wm. Eakin has been receipted as "Wm. A. Eakin"
 Thomas M. Bailey has been receipted as "Thomas W. Bailey,"
 Bertie D. Josephus has been receipted as "Bertie Josephus"

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Sept. 12, 1890.

Sup't, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending August 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Sept. 12th, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1779 for \$483.57 being on account of Balance Profits & Losses quarter ending June 30, 1890

inclosed in your communication of the 10th inst.
has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded
to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit
to be given you in your bullion accounts,
and the amount to be covered into the
Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech,
Director.

Sept. 12, 1890.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 121, dated Sept. 9
1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the
United States Mint at Philadelphia, Ship-
ment No. 121 dated Sept. 6, 1890, has been
received and examined at this Bureau and
the Gross value found to be \$17,026.¹⁶/₁₀₀,
Charges \$40.⁵¹/₁₀₀, and net value \$16,985.⁶⁵/₁₀₀.
For the latter amount a transfer has
been requested from the bullion fund
of your Institution to that of the
United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

September 12, 1890.

Hon. John W. Wamaker,
Postmaster General.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your letter of the 11th instant in
reference to the preparation of a

designs and striking of twelve (12) gold medals to be awarded clerks in the Railway Mail Service and to state that Section 3551 of the Revised Statutes provides that medals of a national character be executed by the Engraver, and National and other medals struck by, or under the authority of, the Mint at Philadelphia. + + + + +

As I can find no authority of Congress directing or authorizing the striking of medals for the Railway Mail Service, the Mint at Philadelphia must be reimbursed for the dies, as well as for the gold contained in the medals, and the labor incident to striking the same.

The General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service can confer with the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia in regard to the designs for these medals, at his convenience.

Respectfully yours,
E. D. Seach
Director of the Mint.

September 12, 1890.

Messrs. Meslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, you are informed that the number of days in which sellers are required to complete delivery on their sales of silver are ten consecutive and not ten several days. In future all sellers will be ex-

pected to comply strictly with this rule.

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to grant you an extension of four days' time in which to complete your delivery, on sale of the 3^d instant.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

September 12, 1890.

Messrs. Piza, Hepheus & Co.
#18 Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen: -

Your letter of yesterday, enclosing invoice of silver shipped the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of that institution to whom it should have been addressed.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

September 12, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of seventy-five thousand ounces at one dollar, fifteen and three fourths cents accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

September 12, 1890.
Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

W. Loaiza & Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed

September 12, 1890.
American Exchange, National Bank,
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Grimmman & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street
New York.

Sept. 13th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena Montana be increased in the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars (\$50,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of that institution with the Merchants National Bank, Helena, Montana.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to same address:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Mint | + | San Francisco | + | + | + |
| One Million Dollars, (\$1,000,000.-) | + | | + | | + |
| + Treasury Notes | + | | + | | + |
| + Superintendent | + | | + | Assistant Treas- | |
| -urer of the United States | | | | and that he be notified | |
| of the credit by wire. | + | | + | | + |

September 13, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith two (2) gold Life Saving Medals struck in compliance with your request of the 30th ultimo. I also enclose the account of the Superintendent of the Mint for the medals, attachments, cases and express charges, receipted in duplicate amounting to \$189.35, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted in his favor, under cover to this Bureau, as

early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1890.

Sup't U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury draft No. 6200,
on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco in
your favor for Two hundred forty four dollars (\$244.⁰⁰/₁₀₀)
the same being the value of special assay coins
forwarded by you to this Bureau for the quarter
ending June 30th, 1890.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of
the enclosed draft.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Sup't U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

| | | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|---|--|
| + | + | + | + | No. 4793 |
| + | + | N. Orleans, La. | + | + sixty-eight + (<u>\$68.⁰⁰/₁₀₀</u>) |
| + | + | + | + | + |

Sup't U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------|
| + | + | + | + | No. 23739 |
| + | + | Philadelphia, Pa. | + | + Two hundred |
| + | + | and one dollars (<u>\$201.⁰⁰/₁₀₀</u>) | + | + |
| + | + | + | + | over |

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| + | + | + | + | No. 6201 | + |
| + | + | + | + | San Francisco | + |
| + | + | + | + | Four hundred and Seventy dollars | + |
| + | + | + | + | (\$70.00) | + |
| + | + | + | + | | + |

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

September 13, 1890.

Sir:

Referring to your Annual Tabulated Statement for the fiscal year just ended, I find you have entered upon it \$2418.77, loss on sale of Melted and Refining Silver sweeps.

This sum was not a disbursement from your appropriation for contingent expenses nor was it paid from Parting & Refining bullion or the Standard Dollar Coinage Appropriations, it should consequently not appear upon this statement. Deducting this amount from your total expenditures on account of incidental and contingent expenses reduces your expenses to \$37,468.47 and the total disbursements of your mint including salaries and wages of workmen, to \$200,636. ³³/₁₀₀.

In all other respects the statement is found to be correct, so it will not be returned to you but the necessary charges will be made here.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

September 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, is herewith returned for correction.

Please send corrected with the original statement by return mail.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

September 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether there are any outstanding checks against the balance to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York on account of moneys transferred to pay for silver purchased under the act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

September 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 12th inst. relative to your salary, I would say, that the salary of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia is fixed by the Revised Statutes (see paragraph 12 Chapter 328, Supplement to the Revised Statutes, Vol. 7) and it requires a specific act of Congress to increase it.

The same is true in regard to the salary of the Director.

Undoubtedly, there is great inequality in the salaries of public officers. The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury receives only \$4,500 while many subordinate officers in the Department receive more.

The arguments which you use would apply with equal force to the Superintendents of the Assay Office at New York and the Mint at San Francisco, as well as to many other officers in the public service.

I do not agree with you that it is my province to suggest an increase in my salary to the Secretary of the Treasury, or that it is your province to suggest an increase in your salary. I believe that the suggestion in the first case should originate with the Secretary or with Congress and in your case with the Director of the Mint or with Congress.

I do not consider it my duty, and I am very certain that it is not the wish of the Administration, to increase the estimates for the support of the Mint.

service but rather to reduce them, and as any increase in your salary could not legally be made on an appropriation bill it would simply amount to an increase in the estimates without accomplishing any practical result.

If you consider that your salary is inadequate to the responsibilities and duties of your office the proper course for you to pursue is to have a bill introduced in Congress to increase the salary of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia which is the only way in which it can be legally done.

I am very certain that I should not oppose such a measure even if the increase was in excess of the salary which the Director of the Mint receives, but to unnecessarily increase the estimates for the support of the Mint service in the face of the fact that the increases recommended could not be legally made in an appropriation act would, in my judgment, be very bad policy.

In regard to increases of salary in general, permit me to say that my policy has been and will be not to make such recommendations except in cases where gross injustice exists as compared with the salary paid the same office in other branches of the same service.

The salary of the Chief Clerkship of your Mint is a case in point.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Beech
Director.

September 13, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant enclosing bids received for 97 Barrels Melted and Refiner's Sweeps is received. The bid of the Chicago & Aurora Smelting & Refining Company, \$73.83 being the highest, your acceptance of the same is approved. The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 13th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, (\$1,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in Treasury Notes.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1890.

Hon. H. H. Bingham,
House of Representatives.

Dear General:

It is my intention to recommend in my fiscal report this Fall, and if possible, to induce the Secretary to adopt such recommendations.

tion in his report the purchase of a new site and the construction of a new building for the Mint at Philadelphia.

In order that I may have the necessary data upon which to base such recommendation I would be pleased if you would mail me a copy of the bill which was reported to the House of Representatives, providing for a new Mint at Philadelphia, and a copy of the report of the Committee recommending it and any other public documents bearing on the subject, which would strengthen the case.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 13, 1890.

Hon. W. J. Connell,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, you are informed that there are four Coinage Mints in the United States located as follows: at Philadelphia New Orleans, San Francisco and Carson City, Nev.

I transmit you by mail to-day, copy of the Laws and Regulations governing the transaction of business at the Mints and assay offices.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Hon. William Windom,
Williamstown, Mass.

September 15, 1890.

Silver offered - five hundred thousand ounces.
 Purchased three sixty thousand at prices ranging from
 one fifteen seven to one fifteen seven eighths.
 Purchased all offers below one sixteenth. New York
 price one fifteen five eighths.
 Evidently holding for better price.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram
 Confirmed

Superintendent Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 15, 1890.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one
 dollar, fifteen and three fourths cents
 tomorrow morning.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 15, 1890.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary
 expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for
 the month ending August 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Sept. 15, 1890.

Spruille Braden, Esq.,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th inst., I would say
 that the adjustment of your accounts will be
 made when your last shipment to the Mint at
 Philadelphia has been reported on, so that if
 you followed out the instructions of the Bureau
 there will be no trouble in closing your accounts.
 I will let you know, however, promptly as
 soon as the matter is adjusted by the
 Department.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 15, 1890.

Sup't, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Please find returned herewith your Annual Tabulated
 statement of Expenditures as requested in your letter
 of the 13th instant.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Sept. 15th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14 1890 have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company, 60,000 Ounces, at \$1.580

Respectfully yours,

E. A. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| + | + | + | + |
| Hesslage Colgate & Co. | 100,000 Ounces, | at | <u>\$1.570</u> |
| Handy & Harman | 50,000 Ounces, | at | <u>\$1.575</u> |
| Handy & Harman | 100,000 Ounces, | at | <u>\$1.5875</u> |
| Corral Kansas City | | | |
| Smelting & Refining Co. | 50,000 Ounces, | at | <u>\$1.580</u> |
| + | + | + | + |

Sept. 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver at your mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.575, per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours

E. A. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please have struck and mounted for the Life Saving Service one (1) silver medal and cause the same to be placed in a morocco case and forward to this Bureau with your account as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Sept. 15, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward to the U. S. Mint at Carson by express as early as practicable, the following dies, viz:

Three (3) obverse eagle; Three (3) reverse eagle
 Three (3) obverse half eagle; Three (3) reverse half eagle.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Sept. 15, 1890.

Telegram Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Three Million dollars, has been placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York as advised by my letter of the eleventh instant.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

September 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary expense accounts for the months of July and August, I will thank you to advise me why the name of P. G. Childs, weigher and sealer, does not appear upon the rolls of either month. Also please advise me why W. H. Clark, Adjuster of weights, is credited on the August roll with only 13 days service, and Eliza L. West, Adjuster, for only a part of the month in July. If these parties suffered loss of pay by reason of absence they should still be credited with full time in the proper column and their lost time should be charged against them in the column for "Deductions".

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 15, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, announcing the

Sept. 15, th 1890.

Mrs. L. F. Johnson,
 127 Sixth Street, N. E.
 Washington, D. C.

Madam:

Will you please let me know the address of
 Mr. Joseph Francis. A letter sent him addressed
 "Minneapolis" has been returned.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 15, 1890.
 Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay,
 #11 Wall Street,
 New York.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 12th
 instant I enclose herewith copy of an
 estimate by the Superintendent of the Mint
 at Philadelphia, of the cost of the manufacture
 of the coins referred to in your letter.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram A. D. MacTavish
 50 Wall Street
 New York.

Sept. 15, 1890.

Your offers declined. Received too late
 for consideration.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Sept. 15, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer declined.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.
 + offers +

Sept. 15, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
#20 Nassau Street
New York.

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Gandy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street, New York.
 + offers +

September 16, 1890

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Twenty-five thousand Dollars (\$25,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1890

Hon. Wm Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to that of the Mint at New Orleans of the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty Eight thousand Three Hundred Eighty and ⁶⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$868,880.⁶⁸/₁₀₀) payable in 924,369.119 ounces of standard silver bullion, the same being the balance of silver bullion on hand at the Mint at Philadelphia, purchased under the act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,Carson, Nev.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of the 15th instant you are informed that a supply of Treasury notes will be sent you as soon as the small denominations are printed, probably in about twenty days.

Respectfully yours,

E. P. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 16, 1890.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five thousand Dollars (\$25,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Merchants National Bank at Helena.

Very respectfully,
E. P. Leech
Director.

September 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. MintNew Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the pay-rolls accompanying your Ordinary Expense accounts for the months of July and August your attention is called to the following irregularities.

On the payrolls of the General department for both months Robt B. Johnson, workman, is credited in the column of "No. of days," with 31 days service in each month and on the pay-rolls of the Melter + Refiner's department Chas. R. Dajot also a workman, is similarly credited, while all other workmen on both rolls are credited only with the number of working days in the month.

In addition to the 9 days extra time thus credited, at full pay to each of these men, both are shown to have made additional extra time - the former 12 days and the latter 2 hours. You will please explain whether these men worked every Sunday of the two months and, if so, why the credit for extra time was not reported in the proper column for "additions".

Attention is also called to the irregular manner of giving the time of service of Emile Ancoir, yardman, V. S. Goodin, workman, and Cyrus Keller, blacksmith's helper, all removed, and their successors on the August roll of the General department. The first of these worked 7 days, the others 6 and 18, respectively, and yet each man, as well as his successor, is credited with full time as if he worked the entire month. To avoid anything of this kind in future I would suggest that in all cases of appointments or removals where the same do not commence or terminate with the month, you cause only the actual number of days of service rendered to be entered upon the rolls. This will greatly facilitate the checking of the rolls, and at

the same time reduce the liability to error.
 In this connection I will thank you to explain
 the omission of the name of Mrs. Elizabeth
 Adams, Adjuster, from the rolls in question,
 if she has been removed, which is the
 only justification for the nonappearance
 of her name upon the pay rolls, this
 Bureau has no information in regard
 to the matter.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

September 16, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the
 Treasury to cause a transfer to be made
 from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint
 at Philadelphia to that of your mint,
 of the sum of \$868,380.68 payable in
 924,309.19 ounces of standard silver bullion
 which you will take up in your accounts
 as silver purchased under the Act of
 February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, of the sum of \$868,380.68 payable in 924,1309.19 ounces of standard silver bullion, the same being the balance of silver bullion on hand at your Mint purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram
 Confirmed

The Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 16, 1890.

Twenty thousand dollars in dimes will be needed tomorrow to meet transfer orders drawn to-day. Please see that they are on hand.

E. O. Leech

Director Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

September 16, 1890.

Sir:

My attention has been called to a statement on page 134 of the report on the production of the precious metals, 1889, in the article by Mr. Charles G. Yale in which he states that a Commission

of U. S. engineers are engaged in examining the question of hydraulic mining in California, and I have been asked whether this Commission has finished its duties and made a report. Will you please ascertain from Mr. Yale the status of the matter and let me know?

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leech
Director.

September 16, 1890.

Louis A. von Hoffmann,
Union Club,
Fifth Ave. + 21st. St.,
New York.

Sir:

Replying to your note of yesterday, relative to a Commission of U. S. engineers engaged in examining the question of hydraulic mining in California, referred to on page 134 of the report on the production of the precious metals, 1889, I would say that the article in question was written by Mr. Charles G. Yale and I am not acquainted with all the facts and statements contained in the article.

I will write to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco and ascertain from Mr. Yale whether the Commission referred to has made its report, and will let you know later on the subject.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1890.

Dr. Adolph Sietzner,
Göttingen, Germany.

Dear Sir:

In the official report to this Government upon the part of the German Government as to the imports and exports of the precious metals in addition to the classifications of gold and silver coin and gold and silver unwrought in bars, they have a classification of "Pagament" (broken gold and broken silver) of a very large amount and value.

Would you be kind enough to inform me of the exact character of the precious metals covered by the name "Pagament". I presume it refers to miscellaneous ores and furnace products.

Any information on this subject will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Williamstown, Mass.

Offers five nineteen thousand, purchases three twenty-six thousand, at prices ranging from one sixteen one quarter to three quarters.

London price one sixteen three quarters, New York one sixteen one half to three quarters.

Shall not consult Attorney General on point raised by Tracy unless you desire me to do so.

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 16, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of August 1890, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 17, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar sixteen and one half cents to-morrow morning.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 17, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sept. 17th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Messlage Colgate & Co. | 50,000 Ounces, | at \$1.1640 |
| J. & W. Seligman & Co. | 21,000 Ounces, | at \$1.1675 |
| Handy & Harman | 50,000 Ounces, | at \$1.1650 |
| Handy & Harman | 75,000 Ounces, | at \$1.16625 |
| Handy & Harman | 100,000 Ounces, | at \$1.1675 |

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1890.

Sup't. U.S. Mint,Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.165 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1890.

Telegram
ConfirmedSuperintendent Mint,San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from Selby, Smelting and Lead Company thirty thousand ounces silver at one dollar sixteen and one fourth cents per ounce fine.

E. O. Leech,
Director, Mint.

Sept. 17, 1890.

Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Upon comparing your statement of Deposits and Purchases #60 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890 with your Bullion Accounts for that period, I find a difference of .033 pt. oz. gold and 1.24 St. oz. silver.

Statements #60 & 61½ are returned herewith for correction which please return as soon as practicable.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1890.

To the
Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen: -

I will thank you to inform me the lowest rate per pound at which you will deliver twenty (20) tons best Ingot Copper to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to:

Ansonia Copper & Brass Company
P. O. Box 2375, New York

Messrs. Hendricks Bros.
#49 Cliff Street,
New York.

Sept. 17, 1890.

Hon. John Jay Knox
Pres't. Bank of the Republic,
New York.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 15th inst. I send you some copies of the Silver Act, July 14, 1890.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1890.

Telegram Handy & Harman,
Confirmed #24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offers of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred
sixty and one half-seventy five thousand ounces
at one hundred, sixteen and five eighths and one hundred
thousand at one hundred sixteen and three fourths, ac-
cepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director Mint.

Sept. 17, 1890.

Telegram Messager Colgate & Co.
Confirmed #29 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Selly Smelting & Lead Co.
San Francisco,
Cal.

Telegram
Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

September 17, 1890.

Your offer declined

E. O. Leech

Director Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York.

September 18, 1890.

Hon. William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

From the invoices furnished by Spruille Braden, as Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon. from July 1st to August 31st, ^{if the bullion shipped to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia was \$70,277.74, while the value of the bullion of the same was returned to} the net value of the same was returned to this Bureau by the Philadelphia Mint as \$770,582.40, which sum has been transferred from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at Helena to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, being \$304.66 in excess of the amount due from Mr. Braden to the Treasury on account of the bullion fund. I have therefore to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to the Treasury, of \$304.66 and that the same be deposited in the Treasury in the name of Spruille Braden, late Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, as gains on shipments

of bullion to the mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 18, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Coinage accounts for the month of July, your attention is called to the following inaccuracies in the signatures of the payrolls accompanying same. On the pay roll of the General department "Jno. Morris" signs as John E. Morris and on the Coiner's payrolls "John Merrick" signs himself John W. Merrick "Miss F. Prince" as F. G. Prince and "Miss M. Mott" as Mary D. Mott.

If these parties have signed their names correctly it will be necessary for you to submit a letter of explanation that the rolls may be changed to conform to the signatures otherwise additional receipts must be forwarded in each case. This must ^{also} be done in the case of subsequent accounts wherein the errors may have been perpetuated.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sept. 18th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of even date herewith I find upon examination of your August accounts which have just been received, that the same irregularities are continued in the accounts except in the case of John Morris who this time signs without the initial "E" and the additional error on the Coiner's roll of Adjusters in the case of Miss M. Meagher who signs the roll as Maggie L. Meagher. I will be pleased if you will in future cause more care to be observed in the making up of your rolls and in the signatures attached to them.

Respectfully yours
 E. C. Leech
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 18, 1890.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery & Coinage of Standard Silver Dollar Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending August 31, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. C. Leech
 Director.

September 18, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant requesting authority to purchase a copy of the Revised Statutes of the United States you are informed that I have referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that he cause a copy to be forwarded you.

Respectfully, yours
E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

September 18, 1890.

Spruille Braden, Esq.,
Late Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

According to the invoices forwarded by you the net value of the bullion shipped to the mint at Philadelphia, was \$170,277.74 while the value as rendered by the mint was \$170,582.40, which sum has been transferred from the bullion fund of your office to that of the mint at Philadelphia, being an excess of \$304.66 over the amount due from you to the Treasury on account of the bullion fund. I have, therefore, requested that the sum of \$304.66 be deposited in the Treasury in your name as "profits on charges and shipments". You will please prepare at once and forward your bullion accounts for the period embraced between July 1, 1890 and

the date you went out of office.

You will debit your billion fund account with the transfer orders less the \$304.66 referred to, which amount you will take credit for in your coin account as having been deposited in the Treasury.

You will debit your collection account and credit profit and loss with the portion of this excess arising from profits on charges and you will debit the account with the mint at Philadelphia and credit profit and loss account with the amount arising from differences in assaying. These entries will close your accounts so that there will be no balance appearing in them.

Please prepare your accounts and forward them without delay, so that your accounts with the Government may be closed and your bondsmen relieved. Before the latter can be done it will be necessary for you to render your account of disbursements from advances made from the appropriation for the collection of mining statistics.

You will please do this at once.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 18, 1890.

Telegram Hon. Thomas Ryan,
United States Minister to Mexico,
Mexico.

The information requested in Circular of

Department of State of December eighteen, eighteen eighty nine regarding Mexico, has not been received except as relates to the product of the mines. Please obtain and forward it, especially the coinage for the calendar year, in time for my fiscal report.

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Sept. 19, 1890

Hon. William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of sixteen thousand six hundred and twenty $\frac{700}{100}$ Dollars (\$16,620 $\frac{700}{100}$) in Gold Coin and one hundred and sixty-five $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars (\$165 $\frac{57}{100}$) in Silver Coin making a total of sixteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-six $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars (\$16,786 $\frac{30}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, as shown by Memorandum No. 1 dated Sept. 17 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sept. 19, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:

I will thank you to return to this Bureau for correction the bullion accounts of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 1890.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1890.

S. Braden, Esq.,
Late Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

In your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, you took up and added to the charges of the quarter - the charges on shipment No. 32, amount \$67.79.

This you should not have done as the shipment was not included in your quarter's work.

Your opening balances July 1st, 1890, will be as follows: -

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Coin | \$51,712.64 |
| Mint at Philadelphia | 64,903.85 |
| Total | \$116,616.49 |

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Bullion Fund | \$116,457.13 |
| Collection charges | 159.36 |
| Total | \$116,616.49 |

Please make your Statement of Assets and Liabilities in accordance with these

balances.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sept. 19, 1890
Spruille Braden,
Late Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:
Referring to voucher No. 14 of your Ordinary Expense Account for the month August last, your attention is called to the fact that no sub-voucher is "attached" and, as it will be necessary, in the settlement of the account by the Accounting officers of the Department, I will thank you to cause same to be forwarded for file with the account.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sept. 19, 1890
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:
Deposit Memorandum No. 1, dated Sept. 17, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1, dated Sept. 10, 1890 has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$16,827⁶⁶/₁₀₀, Charges \$4³⁴/₁₀₀ and net value \$16,786³²/₁₀₀. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 19, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You have entered on form #193 for January, 1890, as sold in sweeps 566.78 oz. of standard silver, and the cost thereof as \$659.53. I find upon examination that the average cost of silver had by you in January was only \$0.85802 + per oz. standard. At this rate the cost of 566.78 oz. is \$486.31 and not \$659.53, a difference of \$173.22. The cost of the silver in these sweeps was computed by your book-keeper at the coinage rate. The effect of this was to erroneously decrease the cost of silver bullion on hand at your mint January 31, 1890, by the sum of \$173.22, as well as to create an error in your silver profit fund for a like amount. The cost value of the silver sold in these sweeps was \$486.31. Deducting the net amount received for same \$92.75, makes the loss on sale \$393.56 and not \$566.78 as erroneously reimbursed from your silver profit fund, a difference of \$173.22.

As this error has been perpetuated not only in all of your forms #193 since rendered, but in your bullion accounts also, it will be necessary for you to forward corrected forms #193 for the first eight months of the current calendar year, and I will stand you to do this at once. As your bullion accounts for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 1890, have not yet been acted upon by the Accounting Officers they are returned to you by to-day's mail for correction. You will debit your silver purchase

bullion account with \$173.22 (no ounces), amount erroneously credited on account of bullion sold in sweeps (in January) 1890, and credit Silver profit fund with same amount, as error in reimbursing loss on sale of silver in sweeps, third quarter 1890.

You will render and file with your accounts a corrected report of the sale of these sweeps.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 19th, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer, at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston & Colorado

Smelting Company, 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.1628

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Sup't. Mint,

Philadelphia.

Brunnermann & Torshay, 100,000 Ounces, at \$1.1635

Hesslage Colgate & Co., 150,000 Ounces, at \$1.1645

Hendy & Harman, 100,000 Ounces, at \$1.1640

J. & W. Seligman & Co., 20,000 Ounces, at \$1.1649

Carroll Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co., 50,000 Ounces, at \$1.1625

Sept. 19, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to voucher no. 662 of your Ordinary Account for the month of August I will thank you to explain for what purpose the \$2.17 charged in the bill, in red ink, were paid. The Freight proper and drayage are understood but there is no explanation of this item.

Please return without delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed

September 19, 1890.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offer of one hundred thousand ounces at one dollar, sixteen and four tenths cents, accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

September 19, 1890

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Your offer of one hundred and fifty thousand ounces at one dollar, sixteen and forty five hundredths cents accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 9, 1890.

Telegram Piza, Nephews + Co.
#18 Broadway,
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer declined.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram Boston + Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.
 Confirmed
 September 9, 1890.
 Your offer accepted.
 E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Company,
#20, Nassau Street
New York.

J. + W. Seligman + Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11, Wall Street
New York.

September 20, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. to be increased One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be forwarded the Superintendent of said institution in Treasury notes of small denominations.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as to amounts, to same address:

+ + + +
+ San Francisco, Cal. + +
One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.) + +
+ + + +

+ + + +
+ New Orleans, La. + +
Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.) + +
+ + + +

+ + + +
+ Philadelphia + +
Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) + +
+ + + +

Sept. 29, 1890.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the two months ending August 31, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. D. Leach
 Director of the Mint

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address,

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary Refinery | + | + | + | + | + |
| Standard Silver Dollar Expense | | | | | |
| New Orleans | + | + | + | + | + |

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|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary and Refinery Expense | + | + | + | + |
| Assay Office at New York | + | + | + | + |

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| Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense | + | + | + | + |
| Philadelphia | + | + | + | + |

Note recommendation of disallowance on August abst. of disbursements.

September 20, 1890.

The Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to the payroll of your institution for the month of July, I notice that Mr. Brodhead and Mr. Smith have been paid for only 26 working days.

It is thought that possibly, this may have been a clerical error as there were 27 working days in that month.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

Sept. 20, 1890.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to-day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for adjustment and settlement, a bill of the "Carson Appeal" for advertising, for proposals for supplies for the use of your mint amounting to \$12.60 and payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint for the fiscal year 1890. A duplicate of the bill is enclosed herewith.

Should you have forwarded your Annual Statements before this notification reaches you they will be changed here to conform to this increased expenditure of the year.

Respectfully, yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

September 20, 1890.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia of the shipment to you on the 18th instant of three pairs eagle and three pairs half eagle dies. I will thank you to promptly acknowledge receipt of the dies to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1890

Telegram
Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and sixteen cents, to take effect Monday morning.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

September 20, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have requested that your billion fund be increased by a transfer of \$100,000. and that the same be forwarded you in Treasury notes of small denominations.

Respectfully yours
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

These are to pay for local purchases and partings. E. O. L.

Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

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| + | \$25,000.- | + | + |
| L | + | + | + |

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

| | | | |
|---|------------|---|---|
| + | + | + | + |
| + | \$50,000.- | + | + |
| L | + | + | + |

(the P.S. omitted in this letter)

September 20, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,U. S. Assay Office,Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 11th inst., relative to a new fire proof door needed in your institution I have referred the same to the Supervising Architect with the request that he will cause to be ordered and shipped you a suitable frame and fire proof door with combination lock, the expenses to be paid ^{from} your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year.

Very, respectfully,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Sept. 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith your billion accounts for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 1890, for correction as indicated in my letter of yesterday. You will make the necessary corrections and return without delay.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Sept. 20, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Stand.^d Silver Dollar accounts for the two months ending August 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

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| Ordinary and Refinery Expense. | | | + |
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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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| Ordinary and Refinery expense | | | + |
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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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| Ordinary Refinery & Stand. ^d Silver Dollar account, | | | | |
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| Voucher No. 25 - bill of Roller & Shoemaker, August Ordinary | | | | Except |
| account, in which 5 galls. of gasoline are charged at 22¢ per gall. instead of | | | | |
| 30¢ the contract rate. The difference of 10¢ is recommended to be disallowed. | | | | |

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 20, 1890,

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward a draft of article 14 of the new regulations which I will thank you to examine and return to me with any corrections which you may have to suggest.

It seems to me to cover the case exactly, but I may have omitted something.

The bill to discontinue the coinage of the \$3, \$1 gold pieces and the 3 cent nickel piece passed the Senate yesterday and only awaits the President's signature to become a law.

The bill authorizing new devices for our coins also passed the Senate yesterday.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 20, 1890,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant in reference to a supply of copper, I have to inform you that Messrs. Hendricks Bros. of New York offer to deliver to your mint 20 tons best Ingot Copper at the rate of 15.45 Cents per pound and the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company offer a like amount at 15 1/2 Cents per pound. I will thank you to inform me by telegram on Monday, whether you think the Arizona Copper offered by Hendricks Bros. would be suitable for your purposes.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint

September 20, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward without delay statement of gold bars exchanged for gold coin at your mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, under the act of May 26, 1882.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.16 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1890.

Hon. E. H. Tunstun,
House of Representatives,

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 18th inst. I would say that the silver bullion purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, is not paid for from any appropriation, but is paid for by Treasury notes authorized to be issued by the act, and is practically a conversion of a portion of the money in the Treasury into silver bullion.

The appropriation contained in the act is only used for the purpose of printing the notes and incidental expenses connected with the coinage and storage of the silver purchased.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1890.
Messrs. Gimmernann & Forebay,
No. 11 Wall Street,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your communication of the 19th inst. I would say that the New York Assay Office is doing the very best it can in the way of prompt returns to depositors of silver.

The trouble is that the office has not the proper facilities and apparatus for conducting its business properly and we have no appropriation and very little space for improving this state of affairs.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech,
Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1890.
Telegram. Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Is it Lake Superior or Arizona Copper you propose to furnish for Philadelphia Mint at fifteen and one half cents per pound?

E. O. Leech Director, Mint.

Sept. 22^d, 1890.Hon. William WindomSecretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at St. Louis Mo. by wire.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

September 22, 1890

Sept. U.S. MintCarson, Nev.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the last paragraph of my letter of August 1st in which you were requested to report by telegraph at the close of business each Saturday, the approximated amount of Silver in fine ounces contained in local purchases and partings up to the date of the report in the current month.

You failed to do this on the 13th and again on the 20th instant. It is important that this Bureau should have this information and I trust that you will take such steps as will make it unnecessary for me to call your attention to this matter again.

Respectfully yours,

If there have been none, say so. E.O.L.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Telegram Supt., Mint,
Carson, Nev.

September 22, 1890.

Telegraph amount of local purchases and
partings for September.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

September 22, 1890.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar
fifteen and one half cents.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt., Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

September 22, 1890.
Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 16th instant
advising you of the transfer from the
bullion fund of the Philadelphia Mint
to that of your mint of the sum of \$68,382.68,
you are informed that the correct weight of
the silver is 924,309.17 ounces, and which

you will take up in your accounts as the weight of the billion!

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Your communications of the 19th and 20th insts. enclosing a review of the business of the Assay Office for the fiscal year 1890, and the reports of the assayer, and melter and refiner, are at hand and I beg to thank you for the same.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 22, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Owing to the abolishment of the \$1 and \$3 gold pieces and 3-cent nickel piece it is necessary to revise the price, as well as the coins of the regular proof sets covered by section 7, of article 15 of the regulations.

I wish you would be kind enough at your earliest convenience to submit a price for the sets without these coins, and also to revise and forward for printing the circular in regard to medals and proof coins, which I went over with you and Mr. Vogel.

I presume that no dies for the \$3 and \$1

gold pieces or the 3-cent nickel piece, have been prepared this year. If they have they should be destroyed.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sept. 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery, at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes; Messrs Colgate & Co. 250,000 Ounces, at \$15.60

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th inst., relative to the shape and planer ordered in June, you are authorized to pay for the same from the balance of "Standard silver dollar" money in your possession before depositing the suspended balance in the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck and forwarded to this Bureau as early as practicable, a silver (second service) Bar from the die which was transmitted you by the Inspector of Life Saving Stations July 21, 1889. You will render your account in duplicate on blank vouchers enclosed.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.155 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have accepted the bid of the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company to deliver to you twenty (20) tons of Copper at 15½ cents per pound, delivery to be made at such times as required by

you.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram Superintendent, Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

September 22, 1890.

When will you pay transfer order for
twenty thousand dollars in coins in
favor of Assistant Treasurer at
Philadelphia. Answer.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 22^d, 1890.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund
of your institution be increased by a
transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars
(\$50,000) and that the same be placed
to your credit with the Assistant
Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis,
Mo. by wire.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1890

Hon. John W. Wamaker,
Postmaster General.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to a communication received today from the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, a copy of which is enclosed.

I would say that I am required by law to collect and compile annually, for a report to Congress, 11,000 copies of which are annually printed for distribution, the statistics of the production of the precious metals in the United States, and for this purpose the sum of \$4,000 is annually appropriated.

In the sections of the country in which mints or assay offices of the United States are located the duty of collecting these statistics for those sections is assigned to the officer in charge of such mint or assay office, and is performed without compensation, so that the bulk of the work in collecting these statistics is done gratuitously and in addition to the regular duties of these officers.

If you can with propriety assist the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, in the manner he suggests it will be a public service and I will be personally obliged.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Leach
Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1890.
Messrs. L. Von Hoffman & Co.
New York.

Gentlemen: -

Referring to your telegram of today making offers of silver you are informed that the hour for considering bids is 1 P.M. Your telegram was not received until 1.46 P.M. and was too late for consideration today. Offers will be considered again Wednesday at 1 P.M.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1890.
Messrs. Kirt W. Magill & Co.
#420 Library Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen: -

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, you are informed that the amount of silver purchased by the Treasury Department from August 13 to date is 7041,184 fine ounces. No statement has been compiled showing the price paid each day.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1890.

The Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co.,
Kaiser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia twenty (20) tons of the best Ingot Copper at 15 1/2 cents per pound is accepted, the delivery to be made from time to time as required by the Superintendent.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 22, 1890.

The Ansonia Copper & Brass Company,
P. O. Box 2375,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish twenty (20) tons of Copper to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia is respectfully declined.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Messrs. Hendricks Bros.
#49 Cliff Street,
New York.

September 22, 1890.

Hon. George Maney,United States Minister Resident,
Montevideo, Uruguay.

Sir:

The information requested in the circular letter of the Department of State, dated December 1889, relative to the coinage, production and movement of the precious metals during the calendar year 1889, has not been received at this bureau.

It is important that the information should be forwarded so as to reach this bureau before the publication of the fiscal report next month.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to:

Hon. Wm L. Scruggs,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Caracas, Venezuela.

Hon. Robert Adams, Jr.,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Hon. John K. G. Pitkin,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Buenos Ayres,
Argentine Republic.

Hon. John Hicks,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Lima, Peru

over

See preceding page, letter to Hon. Geo. Maney;
Similar letter to:

Hon. Patrick Egan,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Santiago, Chili

Similar letter, except as here noted to:

Hon. Lansing B. Mizner,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Guatemala City,
Guatemala.

+ + has not been received so far as
relates to the republics of Honduras, Nicaragua
and Guatemala.

It is important that the information should
reach this bureau next month, for publication
in the fiscal report.

Telegram

L. Von Koffman & Co.
New York

September 22, 1890.

Your offers received too late for consideration
and are declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Similar telegram, except as here noted, to:

W. Souza & Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

+ offers + + + are declined.

Telegram
informed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo. September 22, 1890

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Heidelbach, Leikheilmer & Co.
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Forehay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

+ offers +

September 22, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
#29 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer of two hundred and fifty
thousand ounces silver at one dollar fifteen
and six tenths cents accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty $\frac{88}{100}$ Dollars, (\$14,906.88) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Thirty One $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars (\$231.84) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Eight $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars, (\$15,138.72) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, as shown by Memorandum dated September 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
 E. J. Leech
 Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

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| + | U. S. Mint at Denver Colo. | + | + | + |
| + | Fifty eight Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-Five $\frac{70}{100}$ Dollars (\$58,535.17) | + | + | + |
| | + | + | + | Seven |
| | Hundred and Ninety Five $\frac{85}{100}$ Dollars (\$795.85) | + | | |
| + | + | + | Fifty-nine Thousand Three Hundred | |
| | and Thirty One $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars, (\$59,331.02) | + | + | |
| + | + | + | Mint at Denver, Colo., | + |
| + | September 19, 1890 | + | + | + |
| + | + | + | + | + |

September 23, 1890.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum, dated September 20, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 8 dated September 13, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$15,178.90; Charges \$40.18, and net value \$15,138.72. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
 Denver, Colo.

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| September 15, 1890 | + | + | + | + |
| \$59,481.31 | + | \$150.29 | + | + |
| <u>\$59,331.02</u> | + | + | + | + |
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September 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint -
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant in reference to the car load of copper, you are informed that the same was shipped through the Quartermaster's Department and that by some error on the part of the depot Quartermaster at Baltimore, the proper bill of lading was not issued.

This has since been remedied through the Quartermaster's Department here and no doubt the copper has been delivered to you before this.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar thirteen and one half cents.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

September 23, 1890.

The Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst. relative to drawing checks in excess of \$2,500 in value, I would say that there have been no instructions issued by this bureau that I am aware of, that checks shall not be drawn exceeding \$2,500 in value. If any such instructions have been issued I am unable to find them.

I would say that the practice of drawing checks not exceeding \$2,500 in value was inaugurated at the instance of depositors to avoid the requirements of section 3646 of the Revised Statutes which requires that if a check of more than \$2,500 in value is lost a duplicate cannot be issued but relief must be sought at the hands of Congress while in case of checks of \$2,500 and less if the original is lost, stolen or destroyed, disbursing officers are authorized after the expiration of six months to issue a duplicate.

In case depositors request checks in the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of avoiding this risk I would accommodate them as far as possible but it would facilitate the checking of your accounts and statements if each check is drawn for the exact amount of the deposit.

In deposits of less value than \$2,500 this should be the uniform rule; in deposits of over that amount in value you can follow the wish of the depositor, only in such cases no check should be

drawn for a less amount than \$2,500 except
to pay the balance of a deposit.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 23, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the U. S. Express Company receipted in duplicate for the transportation of 1,145,557.05 in silver bullion from the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to your Mint, amounting to \$2,858.12, which sum you will pay from silver profits accruing from the coinage of silver dollars under the Act of February 28, 1878. You will transmit a draft for that amount in favor of the Express Company on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York under cover to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Post Office Department desires to have a die prepared for medals to be awarded Railway Postal Clerks. I am of the opinion that this is a national medal and that the dies therefor can be prepared by the Engraver of your Mint. When the design for the medal is forwarded by the Postmaster

General, you will instruct the Engraver to proceed with the manufacture of the dies.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the U. S. Mint, at San Francisco, the following silver dollar dies, coinage 1890:

Six (6) obverse and twelve (12) reverse.

It is desirable that these dies be sent at an early date.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward without delay a statement of dies manufactured at your mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.135 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please send me by return mail twenty-five (25) bronze one cent pieces, coinage 1890.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 16th inst. relative to silver purchases ranging in fineness from .899 to .906, the base being copper, I would say that as the regulations issued under the act of July 14, 1890 forbid the purchase of foreign silver coin, I am of the opinion that the mint regulations should be construed very strictly in the matter of charges upon such foreign silver coin run into bars for sale to the Government. I am already of the opinion that a melting

charge should be imposed on such deposits
In regard to a refining charge, the intent
of the mint regulations is that all bullion
containing base metals shall be subject
to a refining charge unless such base metal
is pure copper suitable for alloying U. S. Coins,
of which the Assayer is to be the judge in each
case.

Very respectfully,
E. H. Leach
Director.

September 23, 1890.

Hon. N. W. Aldrich,
United States Senate.

Dear Sir:

I understand that there is a clause in
the new tariff bill reported from the Finance
Committee, which requires that the value
of foreign coins shall be estimated four times
a year, one of the dates being the first of October.

May I trouble you to inquire whether, if the
bill should become a law this month, it is ex-
pected that I should estimate the value
of foreign coins on the first of next month,
or will it apply only to the future.

I ask for the reason that if the value of
all foreign coins are to be estimated and
proclaimed on the first of next month
it will be necessary for me to commence
the work very shortly.

A prompt reply will oblige.

Yours very respectfully,
E. H. Leach
Director of the Mint.

September 23, 1890.

Hon. John Wanamaker,
Postmaster General.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 12th instant in reference to the preparation of designs and striking of gold medals to be awarded clerks in the Railway Mail Service, I have reconsidered the matter of the preparation of the dies by the mint, and take pleasure in informing you that I am of the opinion that the medals are of a national character, and that the dies therefor can be executed by the Engraver of the Mint at Philadelphia. Instructions will be given for the preparation of the dies from the designs to be furnished by you.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 24, 1890.

S. G. Brock, Esq.,

Chief of the Bureau of Statistics,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I thank you for the very valuable table showing the importations of silver-lead ore into the United States during the last fiscal year, and their contents.

The table which I am in a hurry for is the regular table of imports and exports of coin, bullion and ore for the fiscal year, arranged by months, but I have no desire to hurry you unnecessarily in its preparation, and can wait

a day or two.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 24, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three ⁴⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$293,193.49) the same being the amount of money now standing to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer at New York on account of moneys transferred to him to make payment for silver purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, and against which sum there are no outstanding checks.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 24th, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful

money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1890.

Telegram

Hon. William Windom,
Williamstown, Mass.

Silver offers three thirty eight thousand ounces. Purchased one forty thousand at prices ranging from one thirteen six to three quarters. Purchased all offers within highest market price.

Total purchases, including 15 days, under new law seven million one twenty two thousand ounces, leaving about one hundred thousand ounces to be purchased the remainder of the month. When that is purchased probably Friday with your approval I will give public notice that purchases will be suspended until the first proximo. Market very weak.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 24, 1890

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will discontinue forwarding with your Cashier's Daily Statement the report of checks drawn on Assistant Treasurer, form 264 A.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

September 24, 1890.

Sir:

As soon as delivery, on a purchase of silver by the Department is completed, you will forward a statement showing the amount delivered and cost thereof.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sept. 24th, 1890.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sept. 24, 1890.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 19th inst., requesting a machine for clipping gold

bars, I have referred the same to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York with instructions to order a machine similar to the one employed in that institution for the purpose, and to have it shipped through the Quartermaster's Department to your institution and forward the bill to this Bureau for payment from your contingent fund.

Upon the receipt of the machine in good order you will please telegraph this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 24, 1890
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I enclose herewith duplicate certificate of Deposit No. 7778 for the sum of \$304.66, the same being gains upon bullion shipped to the Mint at Philadelphia by you from July 1, to August 31.

Respectfully yours
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1890.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the Rates and for the amounts respectively

named, which you will receive and pay for by
draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York,
payable in Treasury notes:

Hidellbach, Schilheimer & Co. 90,000 Ounces, at \$1.13625

Handy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at \$1.136

Handy & Harman 25,000 Ounces, at \$1.1375

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested that a transfer be made
from the bullion fund of your mint to the
Treasury of the United States of the sum of
\$293,93.49, the balance of your credit
with the Assistant Treasurer at New York of
money transferred to you to pay for silver
bullion purchased under the Act of February
28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Sept. 24, 1890.

Telegram

Supt., Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

State by wire amount of silver dollars
coined to date under act July 14, 1890.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

September 24, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith your form #93 under Act July 14, 1890, with the request that you will enter the department and local purchases separately.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 24, 1890.

John H. Sleicher, Esq.,
"Judge" Building,
Cor. 5th Ave. and 16th St.,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 23rd inst. (relative to the bill just passed Congress (not yet become a law) authorizing the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to change the designs on certain coins of the United States, I would say that there is no provision in the bill for the appointment of a Commission of five to devise more artistic designs for silver coins, as you seem to suppose. At any rate if there is such a provision I have never heard of it.

As the bill was drafted, by my predecessor and also by myself, and (as it passed the House (and I understood it passed the Senate without amendment) there is no provision for the appointment of any Commission. But there is authority, the same authority,

which now exists by law, to employ artists in preparing designs if considered necessary.

For the present I have no intention of taking any action in regard to changing the devices of our coinage but shall wait until we have finished our fiscal report before bringing the matter to the attention of the Secretary.

I will say, however, if it should be thought desirable to employ any artists I will take great pleasure in recalling your recommendations in regard to Mr. Gillam.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.
New York.

Your offer accepted.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 24, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offers of twenty five thousand ounces silver at one dollar thirteen and six tenths cents and of twenty five thousand at one dollar thirteen and three fourths cents, accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 24, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

R. M. Heath,
Secretary, Mount Diablo Mill & Mining Company,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.
E. O. Leach
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

E. H. Pullen, Cashier
National Bank of the Republic
New York.

J. & S. Wormser
New York.

Zimmermann & Troschay,
+ 11 Wall Street
New York.

Sept. 25, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Williamstown, Mass.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I dislike to break in upon your much needed rest with official business, but there is a matter of considerable importance which presents itself in regard to which I need your advice.

The new tariff bill contains a section, reported from the Senate Committee on Finance, requiring that I should estimate and you proclaim four times a year, the value of foreign coins, instead of

on the first of January of each year, as formerly.

I have a dispatch from Senator Aldrich in which he informs me that the first proclamation is to be made on the first proximo.

As there is considerable preparatory work required in carefully estimating the value of all these coins, it is necessary that I should decide very soon as to what value of silver I shall use in calculating the value of foreign silver coins.

You will remember that in the last circular we agreed to take the average value of silver for the month of December, based upon the London price daily, the practice prior to that having been to take the average of the three months ending December 31.

I had thought that, if it meets with your approval, in estimating the values of foreign silver coins on the first proximo I would take as the commercial value of silver the average price paid by the Department for silver under the new law that is to say, I would divide the total cost of all the silver purchased by the number of ounces purchased to find the commercial value of silver as a basis for estimating the value of foreign silver coins on the first proximo.

Of course, we might take the average of the London price but it has been usually lower than the New York price. We might take the average of the New York price but it has fluctuated

widely, daily.

As a matter of fact New York is more of a silver market than London now, and the London price follows closely the New York price instead of the New York price following the London price as heretofore, so that it seems to me in view of the wide fluctuations in the value of silver in the last six weeks ranging from \$1.13 to \$1.21 and back again to \$1.13½, that in order to ascertain the present value of silver, or the value on the first proxima, which is the point in question, it would be better to take the average price paid by the Government for all the silver purchased than any other method which suggests itself.

I would be pleased if you would express to me by telegraph your views on the subject.

In case you are not here when the circular is prepared, say the last of this month, I would like to have your name signed to the circular and presume that you would prefer that to having the name of any Acting Secretary, and if there is no objection I will either have your name printed to the circular or ask Mr. Hendley to sign it for you.

With very great respect, I am,
Your obedient servant,

E. O. Leach
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1890.

Hon. William Windom

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and that the Assayer be advised of the credit by telegram.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

September 25, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

September 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward promptly on receipt hereof, a statement showing the balance of Silver bullion (Sh. g.) purchased under the act of February 28, 1878, on hand at your Mint at the close of business 12th ultimo, and the cost thereof.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

September 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward without delay a statement showing by denominations the amount of worn and uncurrent U. S. gold coin melted at your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, also a statement of worn and mutilated U. S. Silver coin purchased as bullion during the fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1890.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward without delay, a statement showing by denominations the amount of worn and encumbered U. S. gold coin melted at your office during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

September 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the U. S. Express Company, receipted in duplicate for the transportation of \$868,380.68 in silver bullion from the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to your mint, amounting to \$2,166.04,

which sum you will pay from silver profits accruing from the coinage of silver dollars under the Act of February 28, 1878. You will transmit a draft for the amount in favor of the Express Company, on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York under cover to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leich
Director of the Mint.

September 25th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant enclosing a circular of proof coins and medals I have changed Section 2 so as to read as follows: "Private medal dies cannot under the law be prepared at the Mint but when the regular business of the Mint will permit medals may be struck from dies furnished by individuals, public institutions, and incorporated societies, at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the operation and the metal."

I have also inserted the definition of a proof coin given in the foot note, in parenthesis instead of a foot note.

I will hold the circular until I hear from you whether you consider these changes improvements - I will endeavor to have the circular printed in the form you recommend, but the Stationary Division is not always inclined to adopt the form of printing desired by Bureau officers.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant inclosing a circular of proof coins and medals I have changed Section 2 so as to read as follows: ~~A Private medal~~ dies cannot, under the laws, be prepared at the Mint but when the regular business of the Mint will permit medals may be struck from dies furnished by individuals public institutions and incorporated societies at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the operation and the metal.

September 25, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your communication of the 24th instant enclosing suggestions from Mr. Barber relative to new designs for coins, has been received and will receive my careful consideration.

It is ^{now} my intention to take any action in regard to the preparation of new designs for our coins at present. The main purpose was to obtain authority of law and at our leisure we can take the subject up, possibly in the Spring.

As I have my fiscal report to prepare before the 1st of November and a report on the production of the precious metals before the 4th of next March, I feel certain that I will not have any time to consider the matter of new

designs until after that date. Whenever I do, however, I shall confer with you in regard to it.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 28th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 24th instant enclosing a circular relative to the receipt of Silver at your Mint, I notice that you have struck out "Foreign Coin".

While we do not purchase foreign coin under the Act of July 14, 1890, there is nothing to prevent deposits of foreign coin for bars. I think probably it will be necessary to restore the receipt of foreign coin for bars somewhere in the circular. I will hold the circular until I hear from you on the subject.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward promptly on receipt hereof, a statement showing the balance of silver bullion (st. oz.) purchased under the Act of February, 28, 1878, on hand

at your Mint at the close of business 12th
ultimo, and the cost thereof.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1890.

Sup't, U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst.,
you are informed that the Stationery for
which requisition was made by you in June,
will be forwarded you as soon as the necessary
printing can be done.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1890.

Telegram Superintendent, Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

What coins have the motto "In God
we trust." on them? Answer at once.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 26, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay, Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst. relative
to your absence during portions of the months
of October, November and December on
Statistical work, and recommending the

appointment of Mr. D. P. B. Pride as acting assayer in your absence, I would say that while I have no objection to your being absent for a reasonable length of time I cannot consent to any indefinite absence covering a period of three months, and for unknown periods.

You will remember that the last time you were away serious trouble arose in regard to Mr. Pride drawing checks, and the depository bank strenuously protested against it.

While I have no objection to Mr. Pride acting in your stead I do not wish to incur this criticism again or have any further trouble in connection with your office.

I am perfectly willing that Mr. Pride should act and should draw checks, if you so desire, between any given dates. You can telegraph the dates and I will telegraph the approval, but to grant authority for him to draw checks over a period of three months, a portion of which time you are drawing checks yourself, is an unbusiness-like way of conducting public affairs.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 26, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed

Suspend local purchases until first proximo.
E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to addresses on next page:

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

September 26, 1890.

Telegram

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Monion's proposal was referred to architect for examination. As soon as I have his report I will decide whether or not to accept it. The District Attorney has been telegraphed to defend you in any suit.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

September 26, 1890.

Telegram

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Proposal of Manion & Company accepted. You are authorized to have them go ahead with the work. Letter by mail.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Sept. 26, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of yesterday, relative to Silver delivered by Messrs. Bandy & Harman, has been referred to that firm.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 26, 1890.

Sir:

You will suspend local purchases of silver
bullion until ^{it} proximo.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 26, 1890.

Close your accounts to day of expenditures from
last year's appropriations. Deposit balance
of last year's funds. Any outstanding bills
can be approved and forwarded to Washington
for payment.

It is necessary to prepare the annual statements
at once.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Thomas Jordan Esq.
Editor Financial & Mining Journal.
#61 Broadway, New York.

September 26, 1890.

Sir:

I enclose herewith statement of coinage executed
by the Mints in July 1890, as requested in your letter
of the 25th instant. This statement has been sent
you twice heretofore.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 26, 1890.

Hon. L. C. Hoar, M. C.
House of Representatives,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 25th instant I transmit herewith a statement showing the silver coinage at the mints by denominations from 1793 to August 31, 1890.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1890.

Hon. George B. Loring,
United States Minister Resident
Lisbon, Portugal.

Sir:

I will be pleased to receive before November 1 a statement of the coinage of the mint at Lisbon during the calendar year 1889, and also the reply to the interrogatories contained in the circular letter of the Department of State dated December 18, 1889.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.September 26th 1890.

Clark Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The Treasury Department having purchased all the silver authorized by law during the present month, offers for the sale of silver will not

be considered until the first proximo.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letters sent to:

Conn. Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.
20, Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

Handy & Harman
24, Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

H. Gernsheim & Co.
10, Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Jas. Walsh & Son,
5 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.

Kohn, Copper & Co
New York, N. Y.

I. & S. Wormser
New York, N. Y.

Grimmervann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York, N. Y.

over

S. Sanper & Co,
93 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

De Haven & Townsend,
New York, N. Y.

Piza, Nephews & Co.,
18 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Heidelbach, Schelheimer & Co.,
New York, N. Y.

E. H. Pullen, Cashier,
National Bank of the Republic
New York, N. Y.

W. J. Moore, Esq.,
"Times" Building
New York, N. Y.

N. Torrance, Esq.
New York, N. Y.

L. Von Hoffman & Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Telegram
 Confirmed.

National Bank of the Republic,
New York. Sept. 26, 1890.

Offers declined. Received too late for con-
 sideration. No further offers considered
 until first proximo.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Telegram
Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

September 26, 1890.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

Handy & Harman

#24 Nassau Street

New York.

September 26, 1890.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

S. Sander & Co.
91 & 93 Broadway
New York.

Sept. 27, 1890.

S. G. Brock, Esq.,
Chief, Bureau of Statistics,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

May I trouble you to inquire whether the gold contents of the silver ores imported into the United States during the last fiscal year, viz: \$62,25

is a portion of the "total imports of gold ores - \$91,679" or is the gold contained in silver ores in addition to the \$91,679 imported in the shape of gold ores.

I presume it is additional, but I want to be certain.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Seven ⁷⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$12,657.19,) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Forty Nine ⁵⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$149.58,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand, Eight Hundred and Six ⁷⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, (\$12,806.77,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mon., as shown by Memorandum dated September 24, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 27, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith one (1) silver life saving medal struck in compliance with your request of the 13th instant. I also enclose account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the medal, mounting, case and express charges, amounting to \$11.05, for which sum you will please cause a draft in favor of the Superintendent, to be transmitted under cover to this Bureau, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

September 27, 1890

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum dated September 24, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Helena, Mont. Shipment No. 2 dated September 17, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be \$12,840.44, charges \$33.67, and net value \$12,806.77. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia Pa.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1890.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Forward Statement of denominations of United States Silver Coins exclusive of trade dollars melted at your institution last fiscal year. I want to know what portion of the amount was subsidiary silver and what portion silver dollars.

If there were no standard silver dollars deposited last year, telegraph to-day.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Sept. 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 26th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$1109.42 unexpended balance of contingent appropriation 1890, and enclosing list of bills unpaid, I would say that it is very unfortunate that these bills are still outstanding as it delays the preparation of my fiscal report.

We cannot make up any of the tables of expenditures until the accounts of your mint for last year are settled. The other Mints and assay offices settled their accounts months ago and we have been waiting for the unsettled accounts of your mint to be closed.

I will thank you to close out all of these bills by the first of October and on that date to forward your corrected statement of earnings and expenditures, and tabulated

statement of expenditures including these bills which you will forward to the Department for payment.

It is absolutely necessary, that the accounts for the fiscal year should be enclosed at once.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 27, 1890.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward by mail to day a statement showing what portion of the United States silver coin deposited at your Mint during last fiscal year was subsidiary, silver and what silver dollars, exclusive of trade dollars.

The statement of transfer orders which you forwarded covers the fiscal year, but the statement of silver coin deposited only covers from October first.

I must have some sort of an estimate of the amount from July first to October first and of last year and what portion, if any consisted of standard silver dollars.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Sept. 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. O. No. 7781 for \$109.42 being on account of balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year, 1890, enclosed in

your communication of the 26th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, "personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation."

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

September 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith memorandum No. 6 of gold bullion from the U. S. Mint at Denver for correction.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 27, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return herewith the circular to postmasters, signed by the Postmaster General as requested by you.

You are authorized to have these printed in San Francisco and forward the bill to this office for payment from the appropriation for collecting statistics.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Sept. 27, 1890.

Thos. J. Taylor, Esq.,
Whitchinson, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 23rd inst, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, you are informed that silver coinage is not executed for individuals by the United States, but the Government purchases monthly 4,500,000 ounces of silver, paying the sellers Treasury notes of the market value of such silver, such notes redeemable in coin on demand, so that the owner of silver (practically) gets the market value in coin of the bullion which he sells to the Government.

These purchases will continue after 1891, that is to say, there is no limit in the law in regard to time.

The law provides that of the silver purchased the Government shall coin 2,000,000 ounces each month into silver dollars, until July 1891, after that date it need coin only such an amount as may be required for the redemption of the notes issued in payment of the bullion.

There is no provision of law that coinage shall cease at that time or at any time. I enclose herewith copy of the new silver law.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 27, 1890.

Thomas Jordan, Esq.,
Editor, Financial and Mining Record,
61 Broadway, New York.

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Replying to your note of the 26th inst. relative to the issue of rupee paper by India, I would say that I received my information from Mr. S. Anna Horton who stated that Mr. Balfour had ordered the issue of 10,000,000 rupees of rupee paper. He did not state the nature of the paper, and I have seen no publication on the subject, but it does not refer to Indian Council Bills.

Very respectfully,
 E. A. Seech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 27, 1890.

Hon. William Mc. Kinley
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The value of the Indian rupee on the 1st of January, 1890 was 33 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents, and the value of the same at the average price of silver since August 13, 1890 is 46 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents.

Respectfully yours,
 E. A. Seech
 Director of the Mint.

First Auditor,

Sir:

Very respectfully
E. W.

E. W. Leech

Director of the Minis.

Similar letters except as here noted, to same address.

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Sept. 29, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense accounts for the two months ending August 31, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
 E. W. Leach
 Director.

Similar letters addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Similar, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

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29, 1890.

Sept. 29, 1890.

Spruille Braden, Esq.,
late Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for adjustment your statistical expense account for the fiscal year 1890, with my approval. I must however call your attention to the voucher of Mr. Kelley in which he claims to submit subvouchers numbered from "A" to "F", inclusive, none of which are with the account.

As these items for hotel expenses will be suspended by the accounting officers you will please forward them at once. I will also thank you to cause Mr. Kelley to file a voucher for the \$12.00 paid for "boarding" at Butte, from February 1st to 6th.

In your own voucher for travelling expenses it will be necessary to furnish a voucher for your hotel bill at Anaconda on Dec. 4, amounting to \$5.50.

Please give this letter early attention as I am anxious to close the accounts of the last fiscal year.

Respectfully yours
B. O. Leach
Director.

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September 29, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your Cashier's daily statement of the 25th instant I find that in taking up the balance belonging to the bullion accounts he includes under the head of currency \$5000 in Treasury notes received that day. I have to request that you will instruct the Cashier to report in his balances the amount in Treasury notes separately.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 29th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. O. No. 7780 for \$125,000.⁰⁰, being on account of Minor Coinage Profits, inclosed in your communication of the 26th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 29, 1890.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause your Cashier in entering on his daily statement of balance of silver dollars on hand, to state the amount under the act of July 14, 1890, separately.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Hon. William Windom

Sept. 30, 1890.

Sir:

Secretary of the Treasury.

I have the honor to transmit herewith one (1) second service bar mounted for the Life Saving Service struck in compliance with your request of the 20th instant. I also enclose herewith account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the bars, amounting to \$2.00, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be remitted in favor of the Superintendent under cover to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Sept. 30, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-two $\frac{27}{100}$ Dollars (\$15,322. $\frac{27}{100}$) in Gold Coin and Two Hundred and Eight $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars (\$208. $\frac{56}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty $\frac{83}{100}$ Dollars (\$15,530. $\frac{83}{100}$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 9 dated Sept. 26, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Beech
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

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|---|---|--|---|---|
| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | St. Louis | + | + |
| + | + | Thirty-one Thousand | + | + |
| + | + | Three Hundred and Twelve $\frac{98}{100}$ | + | + |
| + | + | (\$31,312. $\frac{98}{100}$) in Gold | + | + |
| + | + | Coin, and Eight Hundred, Eighty-seven $\frac{22}{100}$ | + | + |
| + | + | Thirty-two Thousand One Hundred and | + | + |
| + | + | Ninety-nine $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars (\$32,199. $\frac{20}{100}$) | + | + |
| + | + | St. Louis | + | + |
| + | + | 122 | + | + |

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| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | Mint at Denver, Colo. | + | + |
| + | + | Forty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-three | + | + |
| + | + | $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars (\$48,823. $\frac{25}{100}$) in Gold | + | + |
| + | + | and Eleven Hundred | + | + |
| + | + | and Nineteen $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars (\$119. $\frac{37}{100}$) | + | + |

Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-two
 $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars (\$49,942.62)

Mint + Denver + + + no. 6 +
 Sept. 24, 1890, + + + + +
 + + + + +

Sept. 30, 1890.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 9 dated Sept. 26, 1890
 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States
 Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 9 dated Sept. 29,
 1890 has been received and examined at this
 Bureau and the gross value found to be \$15,557. $\frac{65}{100}$
 charges \$40. $\frac{82}{100}$ and net value \$15,530. $\frac{83}{100}$. For
 the latter amount a transfer has been requested
 from the bullion fund of your Institution to that
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
 E. C. Leech,
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + + +
 + No. 6 + Sept. 24, 1890 + + No. 6
 + + Sept. 24, 1890, + + \$59,061.78
 + \$119. $\frac{16}{100}$, + + + \$49,942. $\frac{62}{100}$, + + +
 + + + + +

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + No. 122 + + Sept. 26, 1890, + + +
 + No. 122 + + Sept. 23, + + \$32,272. $\frac{00}{100}$ + + \$72. $\frac{70}{100}$
 + + + \$32,199. $\frac{00}{100}$ + + + +

Sept. 30, 1890.

Telegram Sept. Mint
Carson, Nev.
 Confirmed

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar,
 nine and one fourth cents.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Sept. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sept. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 30, 1890.

Sept. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 27th instant re-
 questing a Register of Deposits, I would state
 that it will be necessary for you to forward
 a sample sheet with the number of leaves of each
 division of the book desired to enable the Printer
 to prepare the same.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Sept. 30, 1890.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant you are hereby instructed to purchase in your city a register of minor coins delivered to express company.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Sept. 30, 1890.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of gold bullion deposited by Mint at Denver, Shipment No. 9, is returned herewith for correction.

A difference of two hundred ounces appears between the weight before melting and weight after melting.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

September 30, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver, in lots of less than 10000 ounces, at your mint, will be \$1.0925 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 30, 1890.

R. P. Kottwell, Esq.,
Engineering and Mining Journal,
27 Park Place,
New York.

Dear Mr. Kottwell:

I have read with some interest the article in The Engineering and Mining Journal of the 27th inst. entitled "The Silver Market" and quite agree with you as to your conclusion, but I differ considerably as to the figures representing the net import of silver during the four months ending August 31, 1890, and the net export for the same four months of the preceding year.

According to the statements furnished this bureau by the bureau of statistics the net import of silver into the United States for the four months ending August 31, 1890 was \$2,299,164 and the net export for the same months of the calendar year 1889 was \$5,262,780 a difference of \$2,963,616.

The figures which I give you for the four months of the present calendar year include the export of silver ores, principally from the port of Baltimore, amounting to \$1,860,873. I have written to the collector at Baltimore to know what ores these are. I very much doubt whether that amount of silver ore was exported from the United States in four months.

If this amount be deducted from the exports it would make the net import of silver into the United States during the four months ended August 31, 1890 \$4,160,034 instead of \$2,299,164. In the figures which I have given I have included bullion, coin and ore. It

included some little United States coin, but nothing very much, and foreign coin is of course used now for adding to our stock of silver as it is being run into bars and sold to the Government, so that it is practically the same as the importation of silver bullion. Knowing how accurate your journal is in the use of figures I have been somewhat curious to know where you obtained the figures as to imports and exports which appeared in the publication mentioned.

Very respectfully,
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

S. P.
Sept. 30, 1890.

Messrs. Handy & Harman
24, Nassau St.,
New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 29th inst. relative to certain bars sent the Mint at Philadelphia on account of sale of silver bullion, you are reminded that the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the purchase of silver bullion under the act of July 14, 1890, distinctly provides that foreign silver coin will not be purchased.

It seems to me that it is an evasion of the requirements of this circular to run foreign silver coin into bars and deliver the same to the Government on purchases of silver bullion.

I do not know that there is anything to prevent the receipt by the Government of such bars, but I am certain that the

Mint-charges, required by the regulations, on deposits of silver bullion, will be imposed on such bars and that no advances will be made on them.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 30, 1890.

The Collector of Customs,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

According to the reports rendered this bureau monthly by the bureau of statistics there have been large exportations of silver ores from your port during the present calendar year. For the four months ending August 31 they have amounted to something like \$1,800,000 in value.

I would be pleased if you would inform me what ores these are which are being exported from Baltimore - the name of the shipper, and if possible, the names of the mines producing the same.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 30, 1890.

Chas. F. Pringle, Esq.,
146 E. Third St.
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 27th inst. you are respectfully informed that no action has been taken by the Department.

in regard to new designs for coins.
When action is taken due public notice will be given.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 30, 1890.

Hon. Wm. H. Edwards,

U. S. Vice and Deputy Consul General
Berlin, Germany.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 18th instant,
I send you herewith a dozen copies of the
new silver act.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith estimates of appropriations for the mint service for the fiscal year 1892.

The amount of the estimates is \$1,181,210 against appropriations for the current fiscal year amounting to \$1,076,360, an increase of \$104,850.

It may be proper to state that the amount estimated for the support of the mint service for the current fiscal year was \$1,139,260 while the amount appropriated was \$62,900 less than the estimates submitted, which will account, very largely, for the increase in the estimates.

for the fiscal year 1892 over the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year.

In explanation of the increases recommended I may say as follows:

In my own bureau I have estimated for one fourth class clerk in lieu of one clerk of class three. The gentleman occupying the position of my confidential clerk resigned a clerkship of class four under the Civil Service Commission in order to accept the position of my private secretary the compensation of which is only \$1,600. My desire is to restore his salary to the amount which he formerly received as well as to reward him for faithful and intelligent service in this bureau.

In the mint at Philadelphia I have recommended that the salary of the chief clerk be increased \$250 so as to fix his pay at \$2,500 per annum, the amount received by the chief clerk of the mint at San Francisco, and of the assay office at New York.

This recommendation is in conformity with previous recommendations by myself and by you. I will only add that the position of chief clerk at the mint at Philadelphia is one of the most responsible in the mint service and the present occupant of the office is a very efficient officer who has had great experience in the mint service.

I recommended a small increase in the appropriation of wages of workmen in the mint at Philadelphia on account of the increased labor at that institution, and have recommended that the appropriation for contingent expenses be restored to \$100,000 from which is

was reduced in the last appropriation act, contrary to your recommendation.

At the Mint at San Francisco I recommended that the appropriation for wages of workmen be made \$190,000 instead of \$170,000 for the reason that it has been impossible to execute the coinage required at that Mint for the sum of \$170,000, and it has been necessary to use annually funds from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard dollar contained in the act of February, 28, 1878, which appropriation is no longer available.

At the Mint at New Orleans I have asked for an increase of \$5,000 in the appropriation for contingent expenses for the purpose of laying new sidewalks around the four sides of the square in which the building is located.

At the mint at Carson I have estimated for an appropriation of \$60,000 for wages, and \$25,000 for contingent expenses, being the amounts appropriated for each purpose for the fiscal year 1890, which were reduced one-half each in the appropriations for the fiscal year 1891, contrary to your recommendation.

At the Assay office at New York I have recommended that the appropriation for wages of workmen be increased \$5,000. I would say that this is the most economically conducted institution in the Mint service, the work is exceedingly laborious and the present appropriation of \$25,000 for the employment of workmen is not sufficient to give the public prompt returns on billions

deposited.

At the assay office at Helena I have asked that the salary of the assayer in charge be restored to \$2,500 from which it was reduced in the appropriation act approved July 31, 1886. The salary received by the assayer in charge of the mint at Denver, and the assay office at St. Louis, is each \$2,500 and the volume of business of the assay office at Helena is fully equal to that at Denver and very much greater than that at St. Louis, and is steadily on the increase.

I have also recommended that the appropriation for wages of workmen be increased from \$12,000 to \$13,500 to meet the requirements of increased business.

At the Assay Office at Boise I have asked that a chief clerk at a salary of \$1,600 be provided instead of a clerk at \$1,200.

I may say that there is only one clerk allowed by law for this institution, who receives \$1,200 and in the absence of the officer in charge he is required to act in his stead.

I have also recommended that the appropriation for wages and contingent expenses of this institution be increased from \$7,500 to \$7,000 to meet the requirements of increased deposits.

At the Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. I have recommended that the salary of the Assayer in charge be fixed at \$2,000 instead of \$1,500, and of the Assistant Assayer at \$1,500 instead of \$1,250.

The salary of the Assayer in charge of the assay office at Charlotte is out of all proportion to that of the officers in charge of

other institutions of the mint service.

Competent Assayers in the mints receive salaries very much greater than that of the Assistant Assayer at Charlotte who is one of the most competent officers in the service.

I have also asked that the appropriation for wages and contingent expenses of this office be increased \$500 making the appropriation \$2,500 instead of \$2,000.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Edward O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of the act of October 1, 1890, I present in the following table an estimate of the values of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully yours,
Edward O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

Oct. 12th. 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise Idaho.

Sir:

Replying to your letter in relation to error in pay of Mr. Brodhead and Mr. Smith on the roll accompanying your July Ordinary account, I have to say there will be no objection to paying each of these persons an additional day's

pay on your next account current.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Leech
Director.

October 1, 1890.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

In submitting estimates for the support of your office for the fiscal year 1892 I have recommended for a chief clerk at \$1,600 instead of a clerk at \$1,200, and also that the appropriation for wages and contingent expenses be made \$9,000.

In order to secure these increases it will require the active cooperation of the public men from your state in Congress.

Very respectfully,
E. W. Leech
Director.

Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

that the salary of the Assayer in Charge be fixed at \$2,000 and of the Assistant Assayer at \$1,500, and that the appropriation for wages and contingent expenses be made \$2,500.

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+ + + + +

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

that the salary of the Assayer in Charge be

restored to \$2,500 and that the appropriation
for wages of workmen be increased to \$13,500.

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Sup't. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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priation for wages of workmen be made \$9,000.

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Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

1892,
I have estimated for \$60,000 for wages of
workmen and \$25,000 for contingent expenses.
I would say that in order to

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mint that the salary
of the chief clerk be fixed at \$2,500
and that the appropriation for wages
of workmen be made \$300,000 and for
contingent expenses \$100,000.

I would say that in order
some of the public men of

October 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

In submitting estimates for the support of your office for the fiscal year 1892 I have recommended that the appropriation for wages of workmen be fixed at \$30,000 instead of \$25,000 as heretofore.

I consider that the force of your institution could very properly be increased with great advantage to the public.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

October 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In submitting estimates for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year 1892 I have recommended that the appropriation for contingent expenses be placed at \$40,000, including new sidewalks.

I have made no recommendation for new machinery or repairs for the reason that if any is required the expense can be paid from the appropriation contained in the act of July 14, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leach
 Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

October 1, 1890.

Confirmed

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one dollar,
 twelve and one half cents.

E. O. Leach

Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

October 1, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day, by the Secretary of Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Hendy & Harman 20,000 Ounces, at \$1.1395
 Gimmhermann & Forehay 25,000 Ounces, at \$1.139

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leach

Director of the Mint

October 1, 1890.

Hon. Thomas Ryan,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
Mexico.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 29th ultimo enclosing certain statistical tables relative to the coinage of Mexico, I beg to say that these papers do not contain the information which I requested, and which is called for by the Circular of the Department of State, as they all relate to fiscal years except one table which gives the amount of worn silver coins recoined in the mints of the Republic during the calendar year 1889.

What I desire is a table of the coinage of Mexico for the calendar year 1889. I would say that the statistics of coinage in the tables of this Bureau are all given by calendar years, and with the exception of Mexico I have a statement of the coinage of about every country in the world for the calendar year 1889.

These statements were formerly furnished by the Mexican Government, and appeared in the reports of this Bureau.

I would be pleased if the statement desired could reach this Bureau before the first proximo. Otherwise it will be too late for any use.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1890.

Hon. J. S. Struble,
House of Representatives

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I would state that the weight and alloy of the silver coins of the United States are as follows:

| | Weight
grains | Pure silver
grains | Copper alloy
grains |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Silver Dollar | 412.5 | 371.25 | 41.25 |
| Half Dollar | 192.9 | 172.61 | 19.29 |
| Quarter Dollar | 96.45 | 86.805 | 9.645 |
| Dime | 38.58 | 34.722 | 3.858 |

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1890.

Messrs. James W. Queen & Co.,
#924 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The following articles charged in your invoice of the 24th ultimo, have not been received, viz: Two 2-inch funnels, one Carboy nitric acid and one pound hydrofluoric acid.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

Oct. 1, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Zimmermann & Horshay,
#11 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint

Oct. 1, 1890.

Telegram Handy + Barnum,
#24 Nassau Street
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offer of two hundred thousand ounces
 silver at one dollar thirteen and ninety-five
 hundredths cents per ounce fine accepted.
 Other declined.

E. O. Leach
 Director, Mint.

Oct. 1, 1890.

Telegram E. H. Pullen, Cashier,
National Bank Republic,
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offers declined. Received too late for
 consideration.

E. O. Leach
 Director of the Mint.

October 1, 1890.

Telegram Nesslage, Colgate + Co.,
#26 Wall Street
New York.
 Confirmed

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leach
 Director, Mint.

Oct. 2nd, 1890.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir,
 I transmit herewith for examination and
 settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary ex-

-pense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Pa. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 2nd, 1890.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

The official bond of David P. B. Ride as Clerk in the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City has been approved by the Department and was yesterday filed in the office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 2, 1890
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to coin during the current month, Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) Standard Silver dollars, from silver purchased under the Act of February 28, 1878, and such gold coin in denominations of Eagles, as you may be able to execute with your present force, without working overtime.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will at the close of business each month, promptly report by telegraph the balance of silver bullion on hand purchased under the Acts of February 28, 1878, and July 14, 1890, respectively.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco Cal.

Oct 2nd, 1890.

S. Braden, Esq.,
Late Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the months of July and August, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Oct. 2nd, 1890.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C.D. No. 481 for \$85.94 being on account of
Melting Assaying and Stamping charges, gr
ending Sept. 30th inclosed in your Communica-
tion of the 30th ult., has been received, properly
indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary
of the Treasury, personal credit to be
given you in your bullion accounts,
and the amount to be covered into the
Treasury, as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
E. J. Leech,
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

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|--------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| C.D. No. 840 for | \$264. ⁰⁰ | + | + | + | + | special sale |
| of bullion | | + | | | + | |
| no personal credit | | + | | | + | |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|---|---|---|-------------|
| C.D. No. 841 | + | \$25. ¹² | + | + | + | sale of old |
| material | | | + | | + | |
| no personal credit | | | + | | + | |

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|--------------------|---|------------------------|---|---|---|---------|
| C.D. No. 842 | + | \$1,031. ⁴⁰ | + | + | + | sale of |
| By-products | | | + | | + | |
| no personal credit | | | + | | + | |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|------------------|---|------|
| C.D. No. 845 | + | \$27,153. ⁴⁷ | + | + | + | |
| Parting & Refining Charges | | | + | | + | |
| personal credit | | | + | to the credit of | | over |

the appropriation for Parting + Refining Bullion.

C.D. No. 846 for $\$430.⁴⁹$ + Alloy Charges
 + personal credit to be
 given on +

Similar letter to one addressed to Charlotte (on
 preceding page) except as here noted, addressed to:

Joseph U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

C.D. No. 7787 for $\$4,840.²⁶$ + Parting and
 Refining Charges, inclosed in on +
 + to the credit of the appro-
 priation for parting + Refining Charges.

C.D. No. 7787 + $\$122.⁸⁰$ + Alloy + Miscellaneous
 Charges, ending Sept. 30 +
 + Miscellaneous receipts.

C.D. No. 7790 + $\$99.⁴⁷$ + Sale of old material
 + 1st inst. +
 no personal credit to + Miscellaneous receipts.

C.D. No. 7789 + $\$251.¹³$ + Sale of old material
 + 30th ult. +
 no personal credit to +

C.D. No. 7786 for $\$50.⁰⁰$ + Special Assay Fees
 + 30th ult. +
 no personal credit to +

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

October 2, 1890.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to coin during the current month, one million, (1,000,000) standard silver dollars, of which five hundred thousand (\$500,000) will be coined from silver purchased under the act of February 28, 1878, and the remainder from silver purchased under the act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leach
Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 2, 1890.

Sir:

Your attention is directed to the fact that the stock of minor coin on hand at your mint is going to be insufficient to meet the demands of the public during the holiday season, and we will have the same complaints as heretofore from all sections of the country in regard to the failure to supply minor coins on demand.

I find that the coinage of 5-cent pieces has amounted for the last three months to \$107,510 and that the stock on hand July 1st was \$257,060, making a total stock of \$364,570 and that the amount on hand now is \$105,190 showing that there have been distributed since July 1st \$259,380.

in 5 cent nickel pieces.

In regard to one-cent bronze pieces the coinage for the last three months has amounted to \$64,502 and the stock July 1st was \$66,860 a total of \$130,562 all of which has been distributed except \$105, and there are now orders amounting to \$12,365.

If the distribution of 5 cent pieces has amounted to, approximately \$250,000 in the last three months it is safe to say that it will amount to much more than that during the succeeding three months - I should say double that amount.

The same is true in regard to one-cent bronze pieces.

You will see the necessity of providing a stock of these coins at once and I will thank you to take the matter in hand and provide a large stock preparatory to the usual fall demand.

Very respectfully,

E. A. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct. 2, 1890.

Sir:

Enclosed please find bill of J. S. Thorn for alterations of building, amounting to \$120.⁰⁵

You will observe that the bill bears date of the 15th ultimo and there is nothing on its face to show that the work was contracted for prior to June 30th. The date must therefore be changed to bring it within the last fiscal year.

I also return bills of the Orr & Floss, and Waterbury companies to be re-forwarded when the articles are received. The bill of the latter company must also be changed, as to date as there is nothing to show that the work was contracted for in the fiscal year 1890.

The transmitting of warrants with bills to be paid at the Department is unnecessary).

Your approval and the certification that the articles have been received is all that is necessary).

The remaining two bills enclosed with your letter of yesterday, have been approved and referred for payment.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director.

Oct. 2, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to coin during the current month, from silver purchased under ^{the} act of July 14, 1890, One Million Five Hundred Thousand (1,500,000) standard silver dollars, and from trade dollar bullion, Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000) in dimes.

The coinage of dimes should be expedited, as the demand on the department for this denomination of coin is urgent.

Respectfully yours,
E. C. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please have struck and mounted for the Life Saving Service one silver medal, and cause the same to be placed in a suitable morocco case and forwarded to this Bureau with your account as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,

E. H. Leech
 Director of the Mint

Oct. 2nd, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your supplemental Ordinary expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

E. H. Leech
 Director.

October 2, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to coin during the current month Eight Hundred Thousand (800,000) standard Silver dollars of which Five Hundred and Eighty Five Thousand (585,000) will be from bullion purchased under the act of July

14, 1890 and Two Hundred and Fifteen thousand
(215,000) from bullion purchased under the
act of February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

October 2, 1890.

Telegram Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

You are authorized to procure a
"Register of Deposits" book.

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Oct. 2, 1890.

Telegram Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegraph balance of silver bullion, act
July fourteenth on hand at close of
business, thirtieth ultimo.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

October 2, 1890.

Jos. A. Weaver, Esq.
Bedar Springs, Alabama.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd ultimo,
you are informed that silver is pur-
chased in lots of less than 10,000 ounces
by the Superintendents of the Mints at
Philadelphia and New Orleans, at a
price fixed from time to time by the
Director of the Mint. When the bullion

is of such a character as to require to be parted and refined, a charge is imposed by the Mints for such operations.

I infer that the silver to which you refer being crude, would be subject to these charges and if too base for Mint operations, would not be received by the Mints (in which case you would have to send the bullion to some smelting company to be refined.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mints.

October 1, 1890.

Hon. Edwin H. Terrell,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
Brussels, Belgium.

Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 19th ultimo, forwarding a statement of the imports and exports of the precious metals to and from Belgium during the year 1889, has been received and I beg to express my thanks for the same.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) by a

transfer of that amount in Treasury notes,
and that the same be placed to the credit
of the Superintendent of said institution
with the Assistant Treasurer of the United
States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letters except as here noted, to same address.

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| + | | + | |
| + | San Francisco | + | + |
| One Million | + | (\$1,000,000.) | + |

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| + | | + | |
| + | Assay Office at Helena, Montana | + | + |
| + | Fifty Thousand | + | + |
| + | + | (\$50,000.) | + |
| + | + | Assayer in Charge | + |
| + | + | Merchants National Bank of Helena, | + |
| + | Montana. | + | + |

October 3, 1890

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your Annual Statement of Expenditures
(tabulated) and of "Earnings and Expenditures," I have to say that
I have caused same to be changed by adding to item of "Stationery,
Printing and Binding" General Department, the sum of \$12.60 for
bill recently paid, and deducting from item for "Metal Work and
Castings," Primer's Department, the sum of \$9.20. These changes
show your disbursements for the year, on account of Contingent ex-
penses, including the Refinery, to have been \$43,877.⁵⁵ and
for wages of Workmen \$77,037.⁴⁹.

Respectfully yours,

E. O. Leech
Director

Oct. 3, 1890.

Telegram
ConfirmedSupt. Mint
Parson, Nev.Advance purchasing rate of silver is one dollar
and thirteen cents.

E. O. Leech,

Director, Mint,

Similar telegrams sent to:

Supt. Mint
New Orleans, La.Supt. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte.

Oct. 3, 1890.

Sir:

C. O. No. 482 for \$66.⁰⁰, being an account
of Special Assays of Ore enclosed in your com-
munication of the 30th ult., has been received,
properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the
Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in
your billion accounts, and the amount to be covered
into the Treasury, as a 'Miscellaneous receipt.'

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans,

Oct. 3, 1890.

Sir:

C. D. No. 56 for \$204.⁶², being on account of Parting and Refining Charges, g'd end'g Sept 30th 90, inclosed in your communication of the 1st inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion".

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leach
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same addressee:

C. D. No. 59 for \$0.⁰⁴, + + + Alloy Charges
Act July 14, 90, + + +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.
+ + +

C. D. No. 57 + \$21.⁰² + + Parting and
Refining Charges Act July 14/90 + + +
+ + + to the credit of the
appropriation for parting & refining bullion.
+ + +

C. D. No. 58 + \$2.⁴⁷ + + Alloy Charges
+ + +
+ + + as a miscellaneous receipt.
+ + +

October 3, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Merchants' National Bank of Helena, Mon.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Similar letters except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ Two Million + (\$2,000,000.)
+ Assistant Treasurer of the United States at
New York in Treasury notes.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

+ One Million + (\$1,000,000.)
+ Assistant Treasurer of the United States
at New York in Treasury notes.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Oct. 3, 1890.

Sir:

Referring to your letter transmitting certificates of deposit for Parting and Refining Charges

collected at your Mint during the Quarter ended September 30, ultimo I desire to say that there is no necessity for making separate deposits on accounts of the passage of the silver act of July 14, 1890.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director

October 3, 1890.

Supt., U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the Act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company 55,000 Ounces, at \$1.1386

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Handy & Harman | 100,000 Ounces, at | <u>\$1.1370</u> |
| Handy & Harman | 50,000 Ounces, at | <u>\$1.1380</u> |
| E. H. Cullen, Cashier | 20,000 Ounces, at | <u>\$1.1375</u> |
| J. & S. Wormser | 20,000 Ounces, at | <u>\$1.1375</u> |
| J. & S. Wormser | 20,000 Ounces, at | <u>\$1.1384</u> |
| Auger, Smithers & Co. | 180,000 Ounces, at | <u>\$1.1385</u> |
| Hesslage, Colgate & Co. | 40,000 Ounces, at | <u>\$1.1345</u> |
| M. Gersheim & Co. | 25,000 Ounces, at | <u>\$1.1375</u> |

October 3, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 1890, your attention is directed to the following items, -

Storage \$117.59, Ordinary \$98,200.70 = \$98,318.29
 To this amount you have added bills to be paid by the Department 1,107.03
 Total 99,425.32

You have made this total 99,426.12

Showing a difference of80

Expense of Distributing Subsidiary Silver Coin, you give as \$1,301.05

The Quarterly Statements show the following: -

Sept., quarter, 1889 . . . \$257.20

Dec. " " . . . 624.05

Mar. " 1890 . . . 148.80

June " " . . . 103.00

Total \$1,001.05

Difference \$300.00

Please notify this Bureau by return mail as to the correctness of these figures.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 3, 1890.

Sir:

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver at your mint, in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, will be \$1.13 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours

E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Telegram Sup't, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 3, 1890.

Expect to be at the mint for a few hours to-
morrow morning.

E. O. Leech
Director, Mint.

Sup't, U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Oct. 3, 1890.

Sir:

I enclose herewith duplicate Certificate of
Deposit, No. 3265 with the Assistant Treasurer
at New York for \$293,193.49, the same being
the balance standing to your credit on ac-
count of moneys transferred to pay for
silver bullion purchased under the act of
February 28, 1878.

Respectfully yours,
E. O. Leech
Director of the Mint

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Oct. 3rd, 1890.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts
and Vouchers for the month ending September
30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
Director.

October 3, 1890

Louis Ransom, Esq.,
127 Brown St.,
Akron, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 29th ult., addressed to Hon. Wm. Mc Kinley, you are respectfully informed that no action has been taken by the Department in regard to new designs for coins.

When action is taken due public notice will be given.

Very respectfully,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

Oct. 3rd, 1890.

Hon. J. S. Struble,
Le Mars,
Iowa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are informed that the number of ounces of silver purchased from August 13th to September 30th was 6,776,270 ounces, costing \$7,952,202, the average price per ounce being \$1.175+.

The amount of money paid by way of interest paid on bonds to become due next year up to date has been \$10,597,478.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1890.

L. M. Hoffman, Esq.
333 West 51st Street
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are informed that the telegram referred to as delivered at your residence, was intended for the firm of L. Von Hoffman & Co. and was delivered to you through error by the telegraph company.

Respectfully yours,
 E. O. Leech
 Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1890.

Telegram
 Confirmed M. Gernsheim & Co.
10 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces silver at one dollar thirteen and seventy-five hundredths cents accepted. Others declined.

E. O. Leech
 Director, Mint.

Oct. 3, 1890

Telegram
 Confirmed Candy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Your offers of one hundred thousand ounces silver at one dollar thirteen and seven tenths cents and fifty thousand at one dollar thirteen and eight tenths

cents accepted. Other declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

October 3, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Messager Colgate & Co.
#217 Wall Street, New York.

E. H. Pullen, Cashier, National Bank of the Republic,
New York.

Conger, Smithers & Co.
New York.

L. & S. Wormser
New York
+ + offers + +

Oct. 3, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

Bank of California
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

Similar telegram sent to:

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram
Confirmed

Grimmumann & Forehay,

#11 Wall Street New York.

Oct. 3, 1890.

Your offers declined.

E. O. Leech

Director, Mint.

First Auditor,

Treasury Department.

October 6, 1890

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of A. W. Smyth, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.-) on account of profits on the Coinage of Silver dollars under Act of July 14, 1890, and that the billion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1890.

Hon. William Windom,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy and $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars (\$17,670.73,) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Fifty Nine and $\frac{44}{100}$ Dollars (\$159.44,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty and $\frac{17}{100}$ Dollars (\$17,830.17) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont., as shown by Memorandum No. 3 dated September 30, 1890, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

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| + | + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | St. Louis, Mo., | + | + | + |
| + | + | Fourteen Thousand | + | + | + |
| + | + | Seven Hundred and Forty Two and $\frac{66}{100}$ | + | + | + |
| + | + | Dollars (\$14,742.66) in Gold | + | + | + |
| + | + | Coin, and Three Hundred and Three and $\frac{55}{100}$ | + | + | + |
| + | + | Dollars (\$303.56), | + | + | + |
| + | + | Fifteen Thousand and Forty Six and $\frac{22}{100}$ | + | + | + |
| + | + | Dollars, | + | + | + |
| + | + | (\$15,046.22) | + | + | + |
| + | + | St. Louis, Mo., | + | + | + |
| + | + | No. 124 | + | + | + |

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| + | + | + | + | + | + |
| + | + | St. Louis, Mo. | + | + | + |
| + | + | Fourteen Thousand One Hundred and Thirty One and $\frac{67}{100}$ | + | + | + |
| + | + | Dollars (\$14,131.67), in Gold Coin, being the net | + | + | + |
| + | + | value of ~ | + | + | + |
| + | + | St. Louis, Mo., | + | + | + |
| + | + | No. 123 | + | + | + |
| + | + | | + | + | + |
| + | + | | + | + | + |

October 6, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed. Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one dollar and twelve cents.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams to:

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La. }

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa. }

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal. }

Oct. 6, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 3, dated September 30, 1890, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3, dated September 23, 1890, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be \$17,873.41; Charges \$3.24, and net value \$17,830.17. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Two (2) Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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| + | + | No. 123 | + | + | + | No. 123 | + |
| September 26, 1890 | + | + | + | \$14,134.10 | + | \$2.43 | |
| + | + | + | \$14,131.67 | + | + | + | |

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|--------------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Dr. 124 | + | + | + | Shipment No. 124, dated |
| September 26, 1890 | + | + | + | \$15,082.72 ; + + \$36.50 , + |
| + | + | + | + | <u>\$15,046.22</u> |
| + | + | + | + | + |

Oct. 6, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending September 30, 1890.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Oct. 6, 1890.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October, 1890, has been approved for the sum of \$2000.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|---------------|
| Salaries, | 1891, | \$1100.00 |
| Wages of Workmen, | 1891, | 1300.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, | 1891, | <u>200.00</u> |

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston

Actg. Director

Similar letters except as here noted, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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| + | + | + | + | + | <u>\$25,000</u> | + | + |
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Salaries, 1891, \$3000.
 Wages of Workmen, 1891, 18000.
 Contingent Expenses, 1891, 4000.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

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|---------------------|-----------|-------|--------|---|
| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | \$2000.00 | + | Office | + |
| Salaries | 1891, | \$500 | | |
| Wages of Workmen | 1891, | 1000 | | |
| Contingent Expenses | 1891, | 500 | | |

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

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|---------------------|------------|--------|--------|---|
| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | \$6,300.00 | + | Office | + |
| Salaries, | 1891, | \$3300 | | |
| Wages of Workmen | 1891, | 2200 | | |
| Contingent Expenses | 1891, | 800 | | |

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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|----------------------|----------|----------|--------|---|
| + | + | + | + | + |
| + | \$494.80 | + | Office | + |
| Salaries, | 1891, | \$294.80 | | |
| Wages of Workmen, | 1891, | | | |
| Contingent Expenses, | 1891, | | 200.00 | |

October 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day requested that there be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name, the sum of \$100,000, on account of profits on the coinage of silver dollars under the Act of July 14, 1890, and that the balance

fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$8000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Actg. Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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| + | + | + | + |
| + | \$4000.00 | + | + |
| + | | + | + |

Oct. 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir

Purchases of Silver Bullion under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1890, have been made this day by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which

you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Treasury notes:

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Handy & Harman, | 100,000 | Ounces, at \$1.1215 |
| Messlage, Colgate & Co., | 100,000 | Ounces, at \$1.1220 |
| Handy & Harman, | 50,000 | Ounces, at \$1.1225 |
| Handy & Harman, | 50,000 | Ounces, at \$1.1235 |

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1890.

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 4th inst. in reference to minor coin receipt books for the Cashier, ordered by you on the 29th ult., I have to inform you that notwithstanding this work has been made special it is not probable that you will receive them for some two or three weeks.

Requisitions for blank forms should be made in ample time to allow not less than two months for their printing.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 6, 1890

Sup't. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith memorandum No. 9 of gold bullion shipped from the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, for correction as indicated in pencil.

Respectfully Yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint

October 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward as early as practicable to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans ten (10) pairs silver dollar dies, current calendar year.

Respectfully yours

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director of the Mint

October 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo in relation to the allowance of extra time to assistants and clerks I have to say that the meaning of the paragraph of the Regulations to which your attention was called is exactly the opposite of your construction.

The greater portion of the paragraph is devoted to the defining of the hours of labor of workmen and employes, and the authority of the Superintendent in the matter of exacting overtime when necessary, from officers, clerks and assistants as well as employes, but the latter portion expressly forbids the payment of extra compensation to salaried officers, assistants and clerks as is shown by the following: - "but for all such overwork or when more than eight hours labor is performed, extra pay shall be allowed at the rate of one-eighth of a day's wages per hour, except in the case of salaried officers, assistants and clerks" which is a correct quotation of the closing portion of the paragraph.

Respectfully yours

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Oct. 6, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No. 130 for \$7.67, being on account of unexpended balance of contingent expenses of your mint fiscal year 1890, inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as an unexpended balance of the above appropriation.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.Oct. 6th, 1890.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Supplemental Ordinary Account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 6, 1890.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Authority to close your office on the 9th instant, as requested in your letter of the 4th is hereby granted.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Oct. 6, 1890.

Messrs. James W. Queen & Co.
#924 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 1st instant I have to inform you that the Carboy of Acid was received on the 3rd instant.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1890.

Messrs. J. & S. Wormsee
P. O. Box 2582, New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 4th instant enclosing invoices of silver forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia on your sale of the 3rd instant has been received and referred to the Superintendent of that institution to whom the same should have been addressed.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 6, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street, New York.

Your offers of one hundred thousand ounces of silver at one dollar, twelve and fifteen hundredths cents, fifty thousand at one dollar, twelve and one quarter cents, and fifty thousand at one dollar, twelve and thirty five hundredths cents, per ounce fine, accepted. Other declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

Oct. 6, 1890.

Telegram
ConfirmedBank of California
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mink.

Similar telegrams to:

Zimmermann & Torshay
#11 Wall Street, New York. }

August Belmont & Co.
New York. }

Consolidated Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company, }

#30, Wall Street, New York

+ offers +

Unger, Smithers & Co.
New York }

+ offers +

Oct. 6, 1890

Telegram
Confirmed

Nisslage Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mink.

Oct. 6, 1890.

Telegram
Confirmed

M. Gernsheim & Co.
#10 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer received at one thirty P.M., too late
for consideration.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mink.

Oct. 6, 1890.

Telegram

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Your offer received at two, five P.M., too late
for consideration and is declined.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, Mink.